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(VOLUME 1)

[From December 1726 to September 1728]

[To] Mr. Adams & his Councill
at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

I cannot answer your Letter of this Date for the same reasons I alledg'd in my last, so shall deferr it 'till tomorrow waiting till then I beg you will believe that I am, perfectly,

Gentlemen
Your most humble & most Obedient Servant
Tremisot.

French Fort of Mihie
Decr. 13 1726 N.S.

To Mr. Adams & his Councill
at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

The answer which the Comanding Officer of our Troops of Mihie gave you, we think sho'd satisfie you, who ought not to answer for any thing he did not Order, being the Fault of the Nayrs who in their fury he co'd not restrain, we know & you ought to believe Gentlemen that he has done every thing a Man of his Character sho'd have done to remedy it, & that which surprizes us is that you will not perceive it.

As touching yours & our pretensions of the Rights in Inhabiting Cuny Nair['s] Country which each of us believe to be just, as We cannot be Judges & Partys we must stay for the Decision of our Sovereign & Masters, We cannot hinder ill talk nor false Reports, but you Gentlemen may Chuse whether you will give ear to them, We have already told you our motives in taking Cariconnou & made you sensible of our Intentions therein We have wrote you & do Protest our Intentions are to preserve the good Union that Reigns between the Two nations & We Confirm by this all We have already wrote on that Subject & We desire Gentlemen you will believe We are so far from having any design to give you Uneasiness that as We have so We shall make it our utmost study to keep up the strict Amity & Fraternity which ought to be between us & We hope you will do the same, being with a great deale of Consideration.

Gentlemen
Your most humble & most Obedt. Servants
Tremisot.
Deidier.
Le Chevalier de la ffareille.
Mollandin.

French Fort of Mihie
Decr. 14. 1726 N.S.

[To] Mr. Adams & his Councill
at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

Having answer'd in my Letter of the 12th. Inst. to the Complaint you made of our fireing against Moylan, Ponella & Putinha, I have made all the necessary enquiry to discover by what Order & why it was done, I thought that what I wrote wo'd satisfie you on that Subject, for I took all the care I co'd to do so, & I am very much Mortified that you are not, & I am as much surprized that you add We fired after noon on the same day, no person at Curichy having seen it, nor no one at Mihie heard it, is most Certain, Gentlemen, You have been Misinform'd by those that are Inclined to aggravate you against us, for it is most surely & nothing more certain that there was not one fired nor so much as a Priming Burnt, You may be assured Gentlemen if it had been so I should have made a publick Example of the Culpable & given you advice of it, & 'tis pity in so nice an affair that you write on such uncertain Reports, I am with Consideration

Gentlemen

French Fort of Mihie
December 14. 1726 N.S.

Your most humble & most Obedient Servant
Le Chevalier de la ffarelle.

To Mr. Adams & his Councill
at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

Nothing that We write seems to give you Content perhaps if We had a Conference together you wo'd be better pleas'd, if this is agreeable to you, We desire you will let us know it that We may take the measures accordingly.

We send you a Letter from Govr. Pitt that a Pattamar brought us. We are with perfect Consideration.

Gentlemen

French Fort of Mihie
Decr. 15. 1726 N.S.

Your most humble & most Obedient Servants
Tremisot.
Deidier.
Mollandin.
Le Chevalier de la ffarelle.

French Fort of Myhie 18 Decemr. 1726.

Messieurs

We have receed Your Letter by which You seem to be of the same mind with us to conferr on the Affairs belonging to our Companys so that it only wants each of us to name a Person authorized for that purpose & agree on the time & place laying aside all Ceremony we may conferr some times at Tellicherry & sometimes

at Myhie or any other place You may explain Yourselves to Monsr. Louet who is imployed by our Company who is the Bearer of this. We are wth. perfect Consideration

MESSIEURS

Your most humble & most Obedt. Servants

TREMISOT.
DEIDIER.
LE CH D LAFARELL.
MOLLANDIN.

TO MR. ADAMS & HIS COUNCILL
AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

The Intention we aim is, to seek all occasions to preserve the Tranquility & Quiet so necessary to the Commerce of the Two Companys, We have choose Monsr. Louet Second of this Settlement, who will Communicate to you the power he has to Conferr on that subject. We are with a great deale of Consideration.

GENTLEMEN

FRENCH FORT OF MIHIE — Your most humble & most Obedient Servants

DECEMBER 20TH. 1726 N.S.

TREMISOT.
DEIDIER.
MOLLANDIN.
LE CHEVALIER DE LA FFARELLE.

The Council of warr at Myhie give power to Mr. Louet Second of this Factory to confer wth. the Gentn. of Council at Tellicherry or with any Person they may Appoint touching the Affairs which consern the Interest of the two Companys & to settle & agree on the same.

MYHIE
19TH. DECR. 1726. N.S.

TREMISOT.
DEIDIER.
MOLLANDIN.
LE CHEVALIER D LA FFARELLE.

TO MR. ADAMS CHIEF & COUNCIL OF THE MALABAR COAST FOR THE HONBLE ENGLISH COMPANY OF GREAT BRITTAIN.

SIRS

WE receiv'd yours on the Arrival of Messrs. Law & Forbes which gave us great pleasure to observe a way begun for a Tranquility & durable Quiet for the Augmenting our Companys & the Benefit of their Trade, We propose the Suspending each others pretensions in Cuny Nairs Country as to our Establishing there to the Decision of our Superiours & Masters, & as that Country will not be wanting to give Motives of disturbance when either one or the other goes with arms, let it therefore remain with Limits free, mediating a Friendship with Cuny Nair & for the Benefit & Love of Tranquility it is Convenient he should enjoy his places on this side Putinha

& Ponella, also of those to the Eastward of Ponella, understanding that this proposition shall not prejudice the Enjoyment of places we have no knowledge of & which he is now actually Enjoying that We cannot mention not being in the Contest.

We desire you will receive this as a Simple proposition which is for nothing else than for the Love we have for the Common Tranquility. We are

SIRS

Your humble Servants
TREMISOT.
DEIDIER.
LE CHEVALIER DE LA FFARELLE.
MOLLANDIN.

MIHIE
DECEMBER 23D. 1726 N.S.

TO MR. ROBERT ADAMS CHIEF FOR THE HONBLE COMPANY OF ENGLAND &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

As this is late in the Evening & as We have begun our Feast of Christmas request you wo'd have it in good part the delay of the answer you did us the Honr. to write us 'till the Feast is over, We are

SIRS
Your humble Servants
TREMISOT.
MOLLANDIN.

MIHIE
DECR. 24TH. 1726 N.S.

TO THE RT. WORSPL. ROBERT ADAMS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We have already own'd the receipt of your Letter of the 16th. of June & wrote you another short one under the 24th. Ulto. since wch. are come to Hand yours of the 11: 19 & 20 of that month.

In all wch. we observe the Accot. You give us of the progress the French have made in coming to the northern side of the River Myhie possessing themselves of two of Curringhodahs Hills & raising Batterys against Boyanores that they had likewise given out they will assist Curinghodah to regain the Hills of Punella, Putinah & even the Fort of Moyland on the return of their Shipping that Boyanore at length being Weary of the Warr & perceiving your unwillingness to give him any Assistance against them to open his ports or protect his Boats had prevailed with the Samorin to send his Ministers to mediate between them & had so far harkened to the French proposalls that the major part of them is agreed to but that the signing is yet deferred.

We more Particularly observe their insisting on the Sole Trade of Boyanores Country to be given to them wch. nevertheless he promises you he will not Consent to & we cannot but hope from your offering him a monthly Allowance for defending of his Hills & Carrying on the Warr you were for some time & are still so successfull as to divert him from ratifying the Treaty & thereby prevent the warr you apprehend must consequently fall on You by the French Assisting of Curringhoda to regain that part of his Country we have Conquered.

From this Inclination in Boyanore to clap up a Peace with them urging that his Country is impoverished & he unable to carry on the Warr longer under the present disadvantages without our support & at the same time considering that you write the French are in a declining State by their receiving no supplys from their Shipping which lately called at Myhie & that by your throwing off Boyanore they may bring him into their Measures & thereby be better enabled to support their pretentions turning a dangerous & expensive warr upon you we have maturely considered his propositions & for the aforementioned reasons are contented to accept of the first & second but as to the third for opening his ports tho' to that end he gives us liberty for a Banksall & to hoist our Flag in any of them appears sufficient to warrant our undertaking to do so Yet as we have already experienced the length the French have gone which we are in no capacity to call them to account for & the same lying before our Hoñble Masters for their orders we choose rather agreeable to the first proposition to give you a latitude to come to terms with Boyanore for a monthly Allowance for defending of his Hills & secondly to use your outmost endeavours to draw of Curringhoda from the French to our Interest but with as little expence as possible to our Honble Masters & further to encourage Boyanore you may give him to understand that we will use means to open his ports & give his vessells protection on the conclusion of the next rains which we are at present unable to do through the non Appearance of our Ships from Europe & the Necessity we are under to keep our Cruizers otherwise Employed.

The Narrative you have sent us of the French assault^{g}. our People as they were hunting on Punella & Putina we have reced & take due notice of their bringing Guns afterwards to Curechy & firing upon Moyland You did well in protesting against them as the aggressors but we must assure you we have not a Force to send you to contend with them & we are at this Juncture so very bare of European Soldiers & the Island so much otherwise weakened besides our Galleys & other Vessells being very poorly manned that we cannot possibly send you any recruits or consent to your taking any men out of the Stanhope wherefore you must put the best Face on it possible for the present hoping from the liberty we have given you you will not long have much Occasion for any Additionall Force since we conceive by drawing of Curringhoda their only Ally he will not be able to give you much disturbance & very probably be Obliged to quit the Country.

As to the Dutch fortifying of Codala Hill we can only recommend to you to use your best endeavour to prevent them or any others getting possession there to the prejudice of our Honble Masters right to the Pepper Trade for as before mentioned we cannot spare you as yet any force from hence.

We do not find by any of your late advices the Prince has discharged any part of his Debt as you gave us Hopes he would in your Letter of the 16th. June do not be unmindfull to call upon him as well as to settle Acco^{ts}. with the Samorin & bring him to pay off his large Debt.

We cannot by this Convey^{a}. Send you any Stores indented for but shall take due care to comply as near as we can with your demands by the first proper opportunity in the mean time we send you an order to the Com^{r}. of the Stanhope for twenty five Barrells of Europe Gunpowder.

And for a further supply of Cash more then the twelve Chests you have already our Orders for we permitt you to draw on us as far as Eighty Thousand Rupees as you shall have Opportunity by the China Ship which we hope will fully answer all your Occasions.

In your paymastērs Acco^{t}. for Sept^{r}. we take Notice of a Charge of one hundred fifty fan^{s}. for an Officers diet mounting Guard w^{ch}. we are somewhat surprised at & can by no means allow of what therefore has been paid on that Acco^{t}. since you were put to diet Allowance let it be refunded & no such artickle brought into your Acco^{ts}. for the future.

We observe likewise another Charge crept in of seventy seven fanams for an Assist^{t}. to your Hospitall more then the usuall number w^{ch}. we suppose you can have no great service for & therefore let him be discharged.

You shall be supplyed with stationary ware & Green Cloth if the Europe ship brings us any but at present we have no Cloth remaining & our stock of the former is so very low that we have not sufficient for the service of the Island.

We Observe you have sold off part of the Cardamoms & can but think the most eligible to dispose of the remainder in the best manner you can if you have an opportunity to purchase of the New Crop what are perfectly good take care to have five tons in readiness to be loaden on the Devonshire for England. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
18TH. NOVEM^{R}. 1726.

P.S. Send us some Tellicherry Bark for the use of our Hospitall by the first Convey^{a}. and forward the Accompanying Packett to Anjengo Express.

RECEIV'^{D}. DECEMBER 3^{D}. 1726 ℔ GALLEVAT.

Your very Loving Friends

WILL^{M}. PHIPPS.
JOHN HOPE.
JN^{O}. BRADDYLL.
ROB^{T}. COWAN.
HEZ^{AH}. KING.
GEO : PERCIVALL.
HENRY LOWTHER.

TO M^{R}. ROBERT ADAMS CHIEF FOR THE HONO^{BLE}.
COMPANY OF ENGLAND &C^{A}. COUNCILL
AT TELLICHERRY.

S^{RS}.

When we made propositions to you for an agreement between you and Cuny Nayro it was only from the desire we had to procure between you both Peace & Tranquility which is convenient for those in this Country for their trade and not as you intimate in your L̃re from any Inclination to enter into any Regulation of the districts of your Hono^{ble}. Company. We perceive therefore you refuse our intermedling. However we have allways the same good will and we desire to setle on some method of agreement that is convenient for you. Being allways with perfect Consideration

S^{RS}.

MYHIE
31 DECEMBER 1726 N.S.
RECD 21 D^{O}. O.S.

Your Humble Servants
TREMISOT.
DEIDIER.
MOLLANDIN.
LE CH : DILLA FARELLE.

TO M^{R}. ROBERT ADAMS CHIEF OF THE MALLABARR COAST FOR THE
HONO^{BE}. COMPANY OF GREAT BRITAIN &C^{A}. COUNCILL AT TELLICHERRY.

S^{RS}.

We have receivd yours of the 21 December O.S.

Now as you are inclined to accept of our mediation & thereby bring Curringhoda to give you Satisfaction We desire you will please to acquaint us of the Nature

of the Satisfaction you want of him, that we may take ways and means to effect this affair to your desire for you may be assured on your part we shall allways be with great concideration.

Sᴿˢ.

Your Humble Servants
TREMISOT.
DEIDIER.

MYHIE
3ᴰ. OF JANUARY 1727 N.S.
RECᴰ. DECEMBER 24. 1726 O.S.

TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

It is sufficient that you have any Interest in the Munchua coming from Mamenew, which is the reason I let her go, but I hope Sirs you will hinder any one of those you protect from carrying Loadings of Ammunition & provisions to Boyanore the Enemy of our Company, which if you do I cannot have any regard to your demands another time which will mortifie me much. I am with perfect Consideration.

SIRS

Your most humble & most Obedient Servant
TREMISOT.

FROM THE FRENCH FORT
OF MIHIE
AUGUST 23ᴰ. 1726 N.S.

TO Mᴿ. ADAMS
GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

There Deserted from this Garrison between the 3ᵈ. & 4 at night of this month Four Soldiers, Three Portugueze, & one Spaniard & carry'd away a Toney which I am inform'd is at Telicherry 'though I can hardly believe it, because I doubted not it wo'd at least have been return'd, if you have it pray remit it by the people I now send. I am with perfect Consideration.

SIRS

Your most humble & most Obedient Servant
TREMISOT.

FROM THE FRENCH FORT OF MIHIE
SEPTEMBER 7 1726 N.S.

TO THE WORSPᴸᴸ. ROBERT ADAMS ESQ.
CHIEF &Cᴬ. FACTORS.

WORSPᴸᴸ. SIR & SIRS

WE receiv'd your Advices of the 26 past & shall take due care to make a right use of them by providing as soon as possible, as large a Quantity of Pepper as our Stock will purchase & from time to time advise you of the Quantity in Warehouse.

We shall speedily send for the Plank by which Conveyance you may expect what further advice may be necessary from

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

Your very humble Servants
ALEXR. ORME.
CHA : WHITEHILL.

ANJENGO
DECEMBER 6TH. 1726.
RECEIV'D THE 12TH. Do.

TO THE WORSPLL. ROBERT ADAMS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

WE receiv'd yours of the 3d. Inst. together with our Paquet from Bombay & till such time as We could answer it We found ourselves obliged to detain your Tony, & as the people complain of their Loss of time We have consider'd & allowed them over & above Dyet Twenty Fanams extraordinary; our present Paquet for Bombay We desire may be forwarded Express & not detaind as formerly upon any Account of necessary Advices from your Settlement.

WE are sorry We cannot supply you with Topasses or others as you require, if the French are Cutting out troubles for you the Dutch are as Busy with us, who have begun their Insolent Cruizing upon our Coast & therefore We are to desire you to use your Interest & Authority with Capt. Prince that he touches (if he is to fill up with us) at Eddova that by his protection We may be Enabled in spight of the Dutch Sloop to Ship our Honble Masters Pepper. We are

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants
ALEXR. ORME.
CHAS. WHITEHILL

ANJENGO
DECEMBER 19TH. 1726.
RECEIV'D THE 25TH. Do.

To ROBERT ADAMS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

Yours of the 26th. Ultimo Arrived us the 1st. Instant in the Evening with the Anjengo Packet for the Honble President and Council of Bombay which we forwarded Yesterday ℔ Boat Express & hope it will Arrive safe at their Hands.

About the beginning of last Month part of the Sou Rajah's Army Consisting of Twenty five thousand Horse under the Command of Badjee Row Enterd the Sundah Rajah's Country & took possession of his Capitall City Sundah which they plunder'd & afterwards laid it in Ashes & continue to this day plundering & laying Waste his Country, upon the Enemy's approaching Sundah the Rajah & his Family left that City with Two hundred Horse & Four hundred foot & made their Escape to Merjee in this Rajah's Country where he still remains, but has made Peace with the Enemy upon his Agreeing to pay One hundred Twenty five thousand Pagodas Fifty seven thousand of which he has already paid, & it is believ'd the Enemy will not leave Sundah 'till he pays the rest; part of the aforesaid Army has likewise Enter'd this Rajah's Country & demands Thirty Lack of Pagodas, Serang Pattan Rajah join'd by Chittal Drooke Burma Tyer Cawn & Sedojee with another powerfull Army is likewise coming upon this Rajah with Vast demands, which has put all this Country

in Land in great Confusion, all the Inhabitants at Bednure & Bilegee, except the Fighting Men are fled with what they co'd carry off with them, these troubles if not soon over will prevent us buying any Pepper for our homeward Bound Shipping this Year. We are,

ONORE — WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

JANUARY 3^{D}. 1726/7. — Your most humble Servants

RECEIV'D THE 9TH. — GEO: TAYLOR.
CHA: WYARD.
THO: PATTLE.

TO THE R^{T}. WORSP^{LL}. ROBERT ADAMS ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

1. We have before us your Severall Letters Dated the 31st. October receiv'd by the Arcott, the 11th. & 25th. of November by the Devonshire, two of the 7th. December ℔ the Balls, & another of the 9th. of that month by the Stanhope accompanying your Books of Accounts, Consultation Book & some other papers required Annually from you, to all which We shall now reply & give you our full Directions in pursuance of the Orders receiv'd from the Hoñble Court of Directors by the Stanhope, referring to another opportunity for such further Observations as We shall find necessary to make on your Books of Accounts &c^{a}. for Reducing the Heavy Expences of your Settlement which our Hoñble Masters Express great Uneasiness at in their Letter lately receiv'd.

2. We observe you write us that by the Peace concluded between the French & Boyanore, they are to have the whole Pepper Trade of his Country, exclusive of all others & which you say they are resolved to maintain by Force, that they are not Contented with that but are come on our side the River, laying claim to all Curringhodas Country in the name of the King of France & for the French Company, Spiriting him up to assault you & assisting him to recover that part of his Country We have Conquer'd & was Granted to us by his Uncle, that they had a design to have Seized the Hills of Putinha or Ponella & to Fortify them, but that by your Vigilance you had an opportunity to take possession before them & thereby secured to Yourselves a free Communication with your Garrisons & a passage for Pepper & Provisions to the Factory. That upon this disappointment the French on the 26th. of November at midnight began to fire on you at Moylan, Putinha & Ponella & Continued it 'till the next day at noon & upon the 28th. Hoisted their Flag on CariaCunie Hill within Gun shot of Moylan; That they have raised mud walls & mounted Guns & are daily Encroaching upon you, but at the same time pretend they wo'd willingly Submit the whole to the Decision of our & their Superiours in Europe; To these their proceedings We were in great hopes you would have been able to have put a speedy & Effectual stop from the Liberty We gave you to allow Boyanore something monthly for the preservation of his Hills & carrying on the War & bringing Curringhoda over to our Interest; We are sorry it has happen'd otherwise & that Boyanore was not only discouraged from taking up Arms again but that you were, & are still obliged to be at a great Expence to secure the Friendship of our Prince the nombiers and others as also to maintain nayrs to keep the Country open & prevent the French from coming to an Open Rupture with you.

3. This is a very Unpleasing prospect of affairs to us after our Hoñble Masters have been at such Excessive Charges in Building of Forts & making of War, besides other extraordinary Disbursements at their Factory of Tellicherry, they have a long time Complained of their Expences on this Coast which they more particularly by the Stanhope, say, are Grown so very Burthensome that their Trade can no longer be supported under them, & that nothing but Immediate Retrenchments, even within

the Compass of what they were before Mr. Adams became Chief will Content them, upon this Head their Orders are very Express & Positive, whereto We require a Punctual Complyance least you Incurr the penalty mentioned in the 27 Paragraph of their Letter by the said Ship which goes enclosed for your full Information & observance of these their Orders; but as We cannot Judge, how the Conference you have appointed with the French may End, & our Honble Masters requiring an Immediate stop to be put to the War & your Expences brought into a Moderate Compass, We think fit to Direct, as the least Evil to be Chosen that you Accomodate matters with Curringhoda although at the Expence of a Present & thereby bring him over to your Interest in which Act as good Husbands for the Honble Company & at the same time pursue all such prudential means as may bring you to live Amicably with the French, giving them no Interruption at Mihie, as We hope they will not to you on our side the River, for you will find by the Copy of what our Honble Masters write thereupon; The ffrench Compa. have sent strict Orders to their Settlements in India to live in Amity and preserve a Friendly Correspondence with the English & which we recommend to you to Cultivate.

4. Send by this Ship a full Account to the Honble Court of Directors, of all the French Proceedings from the Date of your last advices which We have wrote them they may expect from you. Send likewise a Price Currant of Goods & the Currt. Rate of Gold & Silver Coins &ca. at Tellicherry, you having neglected to forward it hither.

5. You have already our Orders to prevent the Dutch from getting possession of Codala Hill to the prejudice of the Honble Company which We now Confirm & permit you to Hoist our Colours at Agar, or such place as with the Consent of our Prince may most effectually stop all Encroachments on that side.

6. Enclosed goes Copy of Paragraph 46 & 81 of the Company's Letter ℔ Ship Stanhope, in the first of which you will observe the Sentiments they have of the Vast Debts Contracted at Tellicherry & Callicut without leave first obtain'd from Bombay & that thereupon they are pleas'd to Direct that Mr. Adams make good the Amount of such Debts provided it is not recoverable from the severall Debtors, which will Behove him heartily to Sett about.

7. We observe what you urge why Mr. Adams ought not to refund the Amount of an Officer's Dyet brought to account monthly by your Paymaster, but We do Insist upon his making it good into Cash, for such time as it hath been Charged; It will be in no Case for Mr. Adams his advantage to Quote the Establishment in St. John Gayer's time, because others that have been made since will be found far more so to the Chief 'though 'tis not to be supposed the present Liberal Allowance was intended purely for his own maintenance, but to Support the Credit of his Station in keeping a Publick Table, where the Officer of the Guard is expected sho'd have his Dyet free & which We Direct be so.

8. You have before had our Orders for purchasing of Five Tonns Cardamoms, if you co'd get those of the new Crop that were perfectly good & fit for the Europe market to be Laden on the Devonshire, & We now Direct you to purchase Five Tonns more on the same Conditions to be ready for the Stanhope, reckoning Four Candys to the Tonn which will make in all Forty Candys, since there seem to be no hope of your Selling the remainder of those you purchased last year which We Esteem not fit for the Europe Market, send them hither by the first good Conveyance & we will endeavour to dispose of them as well as We can.

9. We now dispatch the Devonshire to you to fill up with Pepper the which Lade on Board her as fast as she can take in, not Exceeding One thousand Candys which We hope you have at least in Readyness for her, but In Case through any Unforeseen Accident you have not been able to get in such a Quantity, nor can possibly do it so as to dispatch her by the 31st. of this month, after Lading on Board her what you have in Warehouse send her to Anjengo, that she may be there timely filled up & dispatcht, so that the Comr. may be in no danger of loosing his passage round the Cape of Good Hope.

10. On this Ship We have Laden such Stores as We can spare you the particulars of which, & what Arms & Powder you took out of the Stanhope, the Invoice will Shew you. We have likewise Loaden on her Six thousand Sixty two Venetians & Gubbers, & Forty eight thousand Fifths of Rupees, in all Rupees Thirty three thousand Forty six, Thirty seven Raes which you must Deduct from the Sum of Eighty thousand Rupees we have in a former Letter given you Liberty to draw on us for.

11. The Honble Company having sent us a very small Stock of Stationary Ware, You must not be Lavish in what is now sent you, for we shall not be able to supply you further this Season.

12. Our Honble Masters having been pleas'd to recommend to us the laying of a Duty on all Pepper purchased by Private Traders from the Pepper Countrys on the Coast of India, We have thought fit & reasonable to Fix a Duty of Three Rupees ℔ Candy of Five hundred & Sixty Pound, Directing you to Collect the same on whatever is so bought or Contracted for at any of the places under you or any other Settlement you can get knowledge of, giving the Purchasers a Certificate on their paying the same of your having receiv'd it to produce at any other Settlement it shall be Carried to for sale, for Excusing the Collecting thereof there.

Our Marine being in want of Six Poon Top Masts of 42 foot long & 12 Inches Diameter, & also Two of 40 foot long & 17 Inches Diameter send us them by the first Conveyance that offers. We are

Your very Loving Friends
William Phipps.
John Hope.
John Braddyll.
Robt. Cowan.
Hezekiah King.
Geo: Percivall.
Henry. Lowther.

Bombay Castle
January 13 1726/7.

P.S.

The Stationary Ware from the Stanhope, not being come ashore, We cannot send you a Supply 'till another opportunity offers. The Enclosed Packet to Anjengo forward Express.

Receiv'd ℔ Devonshire January 23d. 1726/7.

Copy of Sundry Paragraphs of the Honble Company's Letter to Bombay ℔ Ship Stanhope Dated London the 13th. Aprill 1726.

On this Head We wrote you pretty largely last year & particularly with relation to the Pepper Settlements & the Excessive Charges We had then been at, more especially at Tellicherry where the War had Drained us in one Season, of One hundred & Twenty thousand Rupees quick Stock, besides what was drawn upon you. By the Account Currant of Callicutt and Tellicherry to the 31st. July 1724 receiv'd in the Duke of Cambridge's paquet we find they had that Year Expended one way or other Fanams Nine hundred Fifty three thousand Seven hundred Fifty seven, of which the whole Cost of the Pepper sent was but Fanams One hundred Fifty thousand One hundred & Sixty, so that place has Cost us in said Year Fanams Eight hundred Twenty three thousand, Five hundred Ninety seven; this is Intolerable & gives us the utmost Uneasiness for which reason We repeat what we wrote last Year, to put an Immediate stop to it, so that the whole Annual Charge may be reduced into a very moderate Compass, & not to Exceed what that Settlement used to Cost before Mr. Adams's Head was filled with Fighting & Notions of Conquest; We have reason to believe what has been once & again told us, that Mr. Adams's pretence of War to secure us a share in the Pepper Trade was only Amusement & to draw

Paragraph 27th.

that Charge on us, while his true Aim was to secure the Pepper for himself, & Enable him to furnish the Shipping that came on that Coast with what they wanted & at his own price, this we are resolved to put a stop to, & as we told you last year if your Subordinates will not Obey your Orders (& he is one) suffer them to eat our Bread no longer, Remember our 47th. Paragraph last year, wherein We took notice of other his Actions which we entirely disapprove of, if true, Do you Examine into them & so far as he is Faulty take care he make us satisfaction & make good the Duty that ought to be paid for the Passes he Granted to his own & other Ships, & if there shall appear any other Instances of his management to our prejudice, of which We take notice in a following Paragraph of his trusting the Samorine &cª, Princes without his Superiour's Leave, make him refund in proportion; An Honest Man that has a Conscience ought & should be Content with the large allowance we give of the Generall Trade to & fro in India to all our Servants whereby they may get mony honestly & sufficient (if they have success) to satisfie any moderate desires; if he is not Content with this Liberty it is his fault; if on the aforementioned Examination it shall appear plainly to you that he is justly Chargeable with all or any of them, We can't think him fit to Succeed to the Chair & therefore We revoke our former Orders for that purpose 'till We see the Event of the abovesaid Enquiry.

Paragraph

ENCLOSED WE send you a Remonstrance which we Drew out of your Complaints touching the French Insults at, & near Tellicherry, This has been laid before the Secretary of State & Transmitted to the Ministers in France, to which an Answer has been return'd, That the French East India Company will send Strict Orders to their Settlements in India to live in Amity & preserve a Friendly Correspondence with the English there from whence We Inferr that the Animositys between the Two Companys will be laid asleep and not continued any longer, nor Revived in future with good management on your side.

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WE observe the Directions you have given to Mr. Adams & Councill how to proceed for recovering the great Debt yet due from the Samorine & the total withdrawing Callicut which is nothing but a Dead Charge & Settle at Penaney if that co'd be done without the Expence of Building, & only one or at most Two persons to reside there under a Limited and small Expence certain, We should acquiesce if thereby the said Debt might be recover'd out of the Customs of the Pepper to be purchased in the manner you mention, what you further write about getting in the Debt of Seventy thousand Fanams from the King of Puniture appears to us the most Certain & Cheap way of recovering it without making any Settlement at Eddicure, upon the whole whatsoever will Contribute to the getting in those Debts, & at the least Expence will be most acceptable, We can't but think Mr. Adams is greatly to Blame to trust those Princes of his own Head & without leave from Bombay, & that as in strict Justice he ought to make, We hereby Direct that he do make the whole good to us; They tell you Eight hundred or One thousand Candys of Pepper is yearly procurable at Eddicure, how comes it then that we co'd have so very little or none one Year after another; has Mr. Adams Engrossed it all in Private Trade? Our Eyes are now more open & we will not be Content with Vain Amusements longer which we tell you that you may trust no Bodys fair promises & hopes any further than you find their Deeds answerable.

Paragraph 81

WE have already taken notice of the prodigious Expences at Tellicherry In your present Letter Paragraph 108. We observe abundant more reason to Complain of them, & cant but wonder there was so much difficulty made in Exerting the authority We Vest you withall to Controul the Extravagancys there. It should seem that Mr. Phipps was unwilling to proceed so far, because that We had appointed Mr. Adams to succeed, We should have been well pleas'd if he had put a speedy stop there as Considering that 'twill be Twenty months or two years from time of writing before he could have an answer, & all that while by what appears those vast Charges have been continued, which if he had stopt at first, might have been in a great measure prevented. That it may be prevented in future, We hereby Direct, & you must look upon it as a Standing Order in all time coming that whosoever shall

not duly Comply with your advices, be upon proof thereof Dismist our Service; & We have fresh reason from your 27th. Paragraph to give this Direction, because we therein find the Damage like to Accrue to us from Tellicherry's not Obeying your Orders about the Morrice & Cadogan then there.

Vera Copia

J. LAMBTON
Secry.

RECEIV'D JANUARY 23D. 1726/7
℔ DEVONSHIRE.

TO THE RT. WORSPLL. ROBERT ADAMS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Having receiv'd advices lately from Onore from Mr. Taylor &ca. of their dispatching a Boat Express with a Packet from Anjengo, to give us Notice of the Dutch Interrupting our Pepper Trade at Eddowa, that Boat not being yet arrived, We are not so well apprized of the Dutch Insults as We could wish, & therefore least We sho'd meet with any Disappointment in the Quantity of Pepper We expect from them towards Loading of Ship Stanhope, We must Enjoin you to provide as much as you can, besides Loading of the Devonshire, being very doubtfull whether We shall receive any Pepper from Onore, through the Troubles in the Carnatick Country.

Forward the Accompanying Packet to Anjengo with all Speed. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
JANUARY 21ST. 1726/7.
RECEIV'D ℔ JOHN GRAB
FFEBRUARY 4TH. 1726/7.

Your very Loving Friends
WILLIAM PHIPPS.
ROBT. COWAN.
JOHN BRADDYLL.
HEZEKIAH KING.
HENRY LOWTHER.

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

WE receiv'd yours of the 23d. Inst. & are very sorry to find you will not be able to accomplish the Devonshire's Loading because the Honble President & Council depend upon this Factory for the full Loading of the Stanhope for Europe, should any Pepper come in after the departure of the Devonshire, you will We doubt not Load it on Board the Stanhope.

The difficultys We have to Contend with are a scanty Crop of Pepper, Wars & Tumults in the Country & these likely to encrease every day, from these disadvantages you will easily Form a Judgement of the precarious State of Trade here & will be Excited to Exert your utmost endeavours for the Interest of our Honble Employers. We are

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

Your very Affectionate Friends
ALEXR. ORME.
CHA: WHITEHILL.

ANJENGO
JANUARY 31ST. 1726/7.
RECEIV'D FEBRUARY 10 1726/7.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esq[r].
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

This you will receive by the Victoria, on whom We have Laden to the Amount of Sixteen thousand Rupees for a Supply to your Factory, The Bombay Sails in Company with her, both which have our Directions to proceed to Anjengo for the protection of our Trade about Eddowa where We find the Dutch are Cruicing with a sloop In Order to Intercept our bringing off Pepper there. We would not have these Vessels detained longer than for Landing the Treasure &ca. as it is necessary they should arrive there as speedily, as possibly they can, & they have our Orders to call upon you in their return to take on Board what Quantity of Pepper they may have Room for, which We Direct you get in readyness & give them a Quick Dispatch hither. We are,

Bombay Castle
February 1st. 1726/7.
Receiv'd ℔ Victoria Grabb
Ffebruary 19th. 1726/7.

Your very Loving Friends
William Phipps.
Robert Cowan.
John Braddyll.
Hezekiah King.
Geo: Percivall.
Henry Lowther.

To the Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 31[st.] ulto. We have receiv'd yours Dated the 4th. Inst. since which We have met with no small Obstruction in our Trade by the Death of the King of Perital which has hinder'd the Merchants from bringing in the Pepper We have Contracted & paid for, no Cooleys being to be procured as usual on such occasions which We endeavour'd invain to remedy by supplying the Merchants with Cooleys from hence, but none will go because of the Small Pox.

We have now in Warehouse Six hundred & Fifty Candys Pepper & have Contracted for upwards of Four hundred more which We are promis'd will be brought in, in ten days time, at the same time We are apprehensive of fresh troubles in the northern Parts of the Country as there has been this month in the So.thern which will further Obstruct our affairs & therefore We are earnestly to desire you to Load what Pepper you possibly can on Board the Stanhope that our Honble Masters may not run any risque of being disappointed, We are

Worspll. Sir & Sirs
Your humble Servants
Alexr. Orme.
Cha: Whitehill.
J. Salisbury.

Anjengo
February 13th. 1726/7
Receiv'd the 19 Do.

To the Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 13th. our Quantity of Pepper in Warehouse Amounts to Eight hundred & Fifty Candys, which, with Three hundred Candys Contracted for We believe will be sufficient to Load the Stanhope.

The Kings of Chenganatta & Perital have joyn'd Vanjamuttan & are resolved to Crush the Growing Power of the King of Travencore, the whole Country is now Involved in wa[r] which is like to continue 'till one or other Party is Master, for there is no thought of Accomodation. We are,

WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your humble Servants
ALEX^{R}. ORME.
J. SALISBURY.

ANJENGO
FEBRUARY 22^{D}. 1726/7.
M^{r}. Cha: Whitehill at Eddava
RECEIV'D ℔ BOAT EXPRESS
MARCH 4TH. 1726/7.

TO THE R^{T}. WORSP^{LL}. ROBERT ADAMS ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

BY the Devonshire We wrote you at large to which We have only to add that the Stanhope proceeds now along the Coast to fill up, towards which Load on Board her the Five Tons of Cardamoms you have our Directions to provide, & In Case you have receiv'd any Advices from Anjengo, wherein the Chief &c^{a}. apprehend they shall not be able to Compleat the Loading of this Ship, do you put on Board her the Quantity you think from such advice they may be deficient in & dispatch her to them, advising in Pounds Weight what may be Laden on Board by you, & at Onore, for their Guidance in Compleating her Charterparty Tonnage, but if you have receiv'd no such advices, after Shipping off the Cardamoms, let her proceed to Anjengo without Delay.

Give the Hoñble Company the Needfull advices touching your Factory & Enclose them, Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Pepper & Cardamoms, if you find reason to Lade any on her.

By this Ship We send you one peice of Scarlet & another of Green Cloth as you desire, but our Hoñble Masters having sent out no Course Red Cloth this Season, We cannot Supply you for Clothing your Garrison Soldiers, there however remaining Sixty six Coats in store We send them you, & permit you to deliver them out one with another at about Eight Rupees the Coat, as you will see more particularly Specified by the Invoice enclosed. We are,

Your very Loving Friends
WILLIAM PHIPPS.
JOHN BRADDYLL.
HEZEKIAH KING.
GEO: PERCIVALL.
HENRY LOWTHER.

BOMBAY CASTLE
FEBRUARY 17TH. 1726/7.
RECEIV'D ℔ STANHOPE
MARCH 13.

TO THE R^{T} WORSP^{LL}. ROBERT ADAMS ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Since Closing our Letter of the 17th Ins^{t}. the Boone Imported & brought us yours of the 28th. Ult^{o}. with the Conference & Letters past between you & the French wherein perceive them to be altogether trifling. According as before Directed keep a fair Outside with them, & be on the Defensive in maintaining what you

have got from Curringhoda, whom through the French's present necessity with little prospect of a Seasonable supply We hope in the End will be brought to Accomodate with you on the Terms Stipulated with his Uncle, & himself obliging the French to depart from his side the River without your farther Interfering therein than underhand to Incite him by Arguments & what will be Powerfull a Present if occasion be so that Peace be Establish'd, & Pepper got at a Certain moderate Annual Charge, according to the expectations of our Honble Masters that We have so often Inculcated to you.

As to your Officers Diet We shall only say that you have our Orders already on that Score & what We expect be Comply'd with.

The Two Bills you have Drawn on us Amounting to Rupees Fifteen thousand One hundred Twenty five three Quarters Ninety Nine Raes shall be Accepted when Presented & paid when due, which with the Sixteen thousand Rupees now Laden on the Stanhope makes up the Sum We gave you liberty to Draw on us, & will be Sufficient for Defraying your Expences & providing of Pepper, hoping you will be able to send us a good Quantity by the return of your Cruizers from Anjengo.

We understand there was a Quantity of Private Pepper Laden on the Boone at your Port, but We do not find that the Duty We Directed to be Levy'd on all such is Collected thereon, which is far from being observant to our Orders, that in other Instances We have had but too much reason to Complain. We are,

Bombay Castle
February 23D. 1726/7.
Receiv'd March 13TH. ℔ Stanhope.

Your very Loving Friends
William Phipps.
John Braddyll.
Hezekiah King.
Henry Lowther.

To the WorspLL. Robert Adams EsqR.
Chief &cA. Factors at Tellicherry.

WorspLL. Sir & Sirs

The Stanhope Arrived at this Port from Bombay the 3d. Inst. & brought us Orders from the Honble President & Councill to Load on her what Pepper We had ready by us which We have done accordingly, being Pounds Avoirdupoiz One hundred Four thousand at Five hundred & Twenty Pounds to the Candy is Two hundred Candys. Enclosed we send you an Account of what Goods the Honble President & Councill have Laden on her at Bombay which they sent to us, in which Account We have Inserted the Quantity put on Board here, & after you have done the same it is to be sent to Anjengo for their Guidance in Compleating her Tonnage, We wish her a safe Arrival with our Honble Masters, & are,

WorspLL. Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants
Geo: Taylor.
Cha: Wyard.
Thos. Pattle.

Onore
March 8TH. 1726/7.
Receiv'd the 13 ℔ Stanhope.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

By the Sarum We receiv'd your Letter of the [*lacuna*] to which We shall reply the Needfull by the returning Ships to the other Coast.

We are now only to observe that We hope you do not mistake our Orders relating to your Lading Pepper on the Stanhope which were only to do so, In Case you were advised the Chief &ca. at Anjengo, should be Deficient in the Quantity We had order'd to be provided for her there so that whatever you shall Lade on her without such advice, will be Disappointing us of the Quantity We expect to receive from you by the return of our Cruizers & Cause the overplus of Pepper at Anjengo to lye in Warehouse, from whence We cannot possibly bring it 'till next Season. We are,

Bombay Castle
March 31st. 1727.
Receiv'd at Callicutt ℔ French
Ship Labadine April 13th. 1727.

Your very Loving Friends
Willm. Phipps.
John Braddyll.
Hezekiah King.
Geo: Percivall.
Henry Lowther.

To the Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. ffactors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Yours of the 27th. & 29th. Ultimo We receiv'd with the parcell of Medicinall Root, which according to your desire We sent to the Honble President & Councill of Bombay ℔ Victoria.

On receipt of your Letters we acquainted the Merchants with what you wrote us concerning the Mallabar Munchua, which their Gallevat had taken, upon which they desired a few days time to enquire further into the Certainty of this affair, & yet are in some doubt who she belongs to, some being of one Opinion & some of another, & one reason for their Distrust is, that the person called Pauly Candy Cutteally whom you say is the Bearer of your last Letter, Owner & Noquedah of the Boat that was taken, has not yet appear'd here, however as you are satisfy'd She does not belong to any of the Rogues that have taken their Munchuas We have order'd her to be deliver'd with the Rice & what else belong'd to her, & request you will use your endeavours to recover satisfaction from those Mallabar Pyrates which have taken our peoples Munchuas. We are,

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Onore
Aprill the 21st. 1727.
Receiv'd the 28th. Do.

Your most humble Servants
Geo: Taylor.
Cha: Wyard.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

We wrote you under the Ulto. past, by return of the French Ship that came to this Port from Mihie, Serving only to acknowledge the receipt of yours under the 27th. February ℔ Sarum, since when on the 24th. Instant receiv'd another short Letter from you under the 4th. past wherein was enclosed a Letter from Anjengo, to both which shall now reply as well as write you further what We think necessary.

'Tis somewhat strange that with Care the Cardamoms co'd not be preserved from damage, as you say they were kept in a dry Warehouse, We have sent them to Persia, where 'tis likely they will meet with the readyest Vend, & for the future let Season'd Chests be prepared for the Quantity You are Directed to provide Annually for England to Pack them into, We observe that you doubt of being able to procure the Quantity Enorder'd for the Stanhope good which unless they be so, We approve of your declining to Load any on her.

We were so plain with you in our directions with regard to your forwarding that Ship to Compleat her Loading from Anjengo that We doubt not of your having done so without Loading any Pepper on her, especially as We find you were advis'd from thence that they had more than sufficient in a Readyness for that purpose, & that therefore We may receive the provision you have made thereof by the return of the Bombay Gally & Victoria that We hourly expect, having tidings of their being at Goa, from whence very likely the Vessels under their Convoy does occasion some delay in their Arrivall.

You will receive by the Stanhope a further Supply sufficient for your Expences, We observe the price of Pepper you have purchas'd for to continue very high, which you Judge is occasion'd thrô the French giving out they expect Stock for making large Purchases, but from their doing the like & buying so very inconsiderably either the last Season or this We sho'd think the same can have small Influence on keeping up the price, & as We believe the Case may be the same with them in being again disappointed of Stock for that purpose, do hope You'l have an opportunity to buy cheap during the Rains, so as to have in a Readyness One thousand Candys by the end of September, for which We cannot doubt of your Gaining Credit, untill We have opportunity sufficiently to supply you; In Case the Recovery of so much of the large Debts outstanding should not put you out of necessity of seeking thereof, as We hope it will at least in a good measure.

We are glad to learn that you have some prospect of recovering the King of Puniture's Debt, & we shall be the like to hear of a good Issue from Mr. Adams his Intended meeting with the Samorine at Callicutt, for finding some ways & means towards discharging what due from him, which wo'd also prove agreeable to our Hoñble Masters equal to reducing Expences within a Moderate Compass.

The Calculate which you have sent us tending thereto You will observe We think will still Bear to be Curtailed very Considerably, by one that We have Drawn out for your Monthly Expence which We send enclosed, Amounting to Fanams Thirteen thousand Seven hundred & three exclusive of unavoidable Repairs & Presents you are besides to be allowed for & which We require that you punctually Conform to.

At the foot of said Calculate you'l find are made Remarks wherein the same does differ from that sent by you, to which We here add that finding you have at times Charged very Considerably for Physick, which according as you Indent for, & approved of here, is to be Supply'd you from hence, We Direct that for the future, nothing be Charged on that score, that if it is again found so, the Chief shall be Recharged therewith & Interest thereon.

We observe the Repair you say is wanting, both to Callicutt Factory & the Company's House at Tannore, the Expence of the latter you Compute, will Cost about One thousand Callicutt Fanams, but you omit to acquaint us whereabout may be the Charge to repair the former, as much as will be necessary however We Choose to Direct you to give to each what necessary to keep them from falling, rather than by suffering either to do so, loose our pretensions to them, which We think Convenient to keep up, 'though at present does not appear any great use one or other of them will be to our Hoñble Masters for the purchase of Pepper.

We observe on the Charges of Callicutt factory that Seven to Eight thousand Fanams a Year is much more than necessary to Support the Character of a Linguist there, for the which We think Five thousand Fanams will be more than sufficient, & therefore direct, that for the future it does not Exceed that Amount Yearly.

After writing the foregoing the 25th. Instant We receiv'd yours of the 24th. past by return of our Cruizers with Invoice & Bill of Lading for the small Quantity of Pepper You Loaded on them &ca. papers as mention'd to be Enclosed, it does not a little Surprize us to find the Masters give from under their Hands before at Anjengo, & afterwards to you that their Vessells could take in no more, for which We shall reckon with them as they deserve.

As the Case has happen'd it will be of no prejudice the Loading what you have on the Stanhope that We observe Capt. Pitt got from you by Protesting which however ought to have had no Weight with you in dispencing with the orders you had receiv'd from hence, nor had he Grounds for making such Protest, after Sailing away from hence, & the delays he made to, & taking in the Pepper he did at Onore may be reasonably Supposed, the Ship co'd in the same Condition have proceeded to Anjengo without any bad Effect.

For the Quantity of Pepper left remaining with you & what more We expect you'll provide, as before mention'd, it's possible We may be able to send for it away in part or the whole sometime in August, when We shall send you a necessary supply for further purchases, We observe you mention to our Honble Masters in your Letter ℔ Stanhope of a French Ship there lying Loading of Pepper at Mihie, which as you were Inform'd wo'd be to the Quantity of 600 Candys by what We co'd learn from the Gentlemen of the French Ship that came hither, they had not Stock wherewithall to make any such purchase, & talk'd as if they expected she wo'd carry away but a very trifle, of which however you must be best Ascertain'd of.

We are pleas'd to hear you remain Quiet, as well with Curringhoda as the rest of your Neighbours, from whence you have a prospect through the Natives Cultivating again the Grounds, to Improve the Space within your District which by Encouragement and Care, We hope may become a Revenue of some Consequence.

To avoid disputes in Collecting the additionall Duty We have laid on Pepper, We have thought fit to Include that of any kind & wherever purchas'd in the Pepper Countrys of this Coast, & according as We are Directed by our Honble Masters have given notice of laying on such a Duty to the Presidencys of Madrass & Bengall for them to acquiesce in Collecting the same on whatever brought under their Direction, that has not Certificate of having before paid it on this Coast, wherefore it will little Avail Mr. Shotbolt, or any other to purchase it for that reason at any Foreign Port, or to deny paying you said Duty, nor will it therefore Encourage the going to such Markets, if otherwise it can be bought as cheap at any of our Settlements.

We take notice that because of some Religious Ceremonys you are not to expect the Samorine will come in person to Callicutt for Settling with you his Accounts, but will appoint some of his people to meet you there for that purpose, that therefore you have determin'd to Sett out for Callicutt as on the 5th. of this Month, but do not write us whether Mr. Adams himself goes thither, in the mean time let not Application be wanting to get in what oweing from your Prince & Boyanore.

Forward the Enclosed Paquet to Anjengo by Express.

We are,

Your very Loving Friends

Bombay Castle
Aprill the 29th. 1727.
Receiv'd May 14th. 1727.
Pr. Charles Ketch.

Will^m. Phipps.
John Braddyll.
Hezekiah King.
Tho: Waters.
Henry Lowther.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief for affairs of the British Nation
&ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Rt. Worspll. Sir &ca.

The 8th. Instant Arrived here the Balls from Bombay, who brought us a packet of Letters for you from the Honble President & Councill which We now forward by two of our Peons Express; Said Ship after having put ashore here some of the Company's Treasure, Sailed Yesterday for China, We have not further to advise, but that We are,

Rt. Worspll. Sir &ca.

Your most humble Servants
Geo: Taylor.
Cha: Wyard.
Thos. Pattle.

Onore
May 10th. 1727.
Rece'd 27th. Do.

To the Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. ffactors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

This Accompanys our Packet for Bombay which We request may be forwarded Express to Onore, from thence to be dispatched directly for Bombay.

The Stanhope did not Saile from hence 'till the 24th. She was detain'd chiefly so long by the Weather, which was very Tempestuous, She had on Board her from

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this place 17. 11. 7 of Cowries, 144 Bales Peice Goods, & 800 Candys Pepper which was all the Capt. could take in.

This Country has been the Seat of a very Severe War, in which the Poolas have got the better & the Queen is retired to Tinvatar in Travencore however these troubles have not interrupted (as We thought they wo'd) our Trade which never was so free as now, & if any thing obstructs it will be the want of mony to keep it in the present Channell, which We doubt our Superiours will supply us with. We are,

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants
Alexr. Orme.
Chas. Whitehill.
J. Salisbury.
Ns. Goodwin.

Anjengo
June 1st. 1727.
Receiv'd 24th. Do.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors.

Gentlemen

This Serves purposely to Enclose the Calculate of your Expences as Stated by the President & Councill, which sho'd have been sent you in the Generall Letter of the 29th. Ulto. but by neglect of my Deputy was Omitted; another Copy of it has already been sent by a Portugueze Conveyance to Mr. Taylor, & I shall forward

a third by the next opportunity, so that I hope it will at last reach you, & you have no occasion to take notice of the Neglect in your next advices, in which you will greatly oblige.

GENTLEMEN,

Your most Obedient humble Servant
J. LAMBTON.

BOMBAY
MAY 16 1727.
RECEIV'D *Via* ONORE JULY 18 1727.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}. ROBERT ADAMS ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Yours of the 19 Ultimo We receiv'd ℔ our returning Peons the 2^{d}. Instant with your Packet for the Honble President and Councill of Bombay which We Detained 'till the 9th. to accompany our Packet, which We could not dispatch sooner for want of our advices from Billjee, which day We receiv'd yours of the 26th. June with the Anjengo Packet all which We dispatch'd the 9th. Instant ℔ Two Pattamars.

As to what you write us concerning our Brokers taking out severall things out of the Mallabar Boats our Merchants had brought in here was contrary to our Order or knowledge, 'till the Boat was gone when he acquainted the Chief that he had detain'd from the said Boat Seventy nine Bales of Rice towards Defraying the Charges of bringing her in by Consent of the people that came from her (amongst which was not one man that belong'd to her) on Condition that M^{r}. Adams sho'd think it reasonable to be allow'd him, which if he did not he promis'd the people to make it good to any that should be sent to demand it after the Rains. As to the people making a second application to M^{r}. Taylor for Redress when they came up to the House he was not absent above a quarter of an hour & if they wo'd have had the Patience to have staid but 'till his return, they wo'd undoubtedly have had justice done them, so that it is entirely their own faults they had not; Enclosed is a Copy of the Receipt given by the Two Noquedahs you appointed to receive the Munchua & what belong'd to her, by which it plainly appears there was nothing Embezled or detain'd from the Munchua except the Seventy nine Bales of Rice abovementioned which We shall Cause to be deliver'd to whom you shall Direct to receive 'em.

The reason M^{r}. Taylor did not Reply to M^{r}. Adam's Letter concerning the delivery of the bare hulls of the Boats taken from our people by the Mallabar Pyrates was, they were then & are now indifferent whether they receive them or not, unless they can have full Satisfaction for all the Boats & Cargoes taken from them last Year by the Mallabar Rogues, being Six Munchuas Valued at One thousand One hundred Icaree Pagodas; We request in their Behalf you will use your utmost endeavours to recover satisfaction for them, & that you will let us know for fear of another mistake by the next Conveyance, how We may distinguish the Merchants Boats which live under your protection from the Mallabar Pyrates who are continually Cruizing betwixt Mungeseer & Batticallay. WE are,

WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
GEO : TAYLOR.
CHA : WYARD.
THO : PATTLE.

ONORE
JULY 15TH. 1727.
RECEIV'D AUGUST 1ST. 1727.

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

WE are to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 16 & 31' May with the accompanying paquets from the Honble Presidt. & Councill of Bombay.

We are at present very good Friends with all round us & shall endeavour to continue so & We shall be glad to hear you are so with your troublesome neighbours.

Enclosed comes our packet to the Honble President & Councill of Bombay, which We beg you will forward Express, We sincerely wish you all Success in our Honble Masters Affairs & are

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS
Your very humble Servants
ALEXR. ORME.
CHA: WHITEHILL.
J. SALISBURY.
NS. GOODWIN.

ANJENGO
JULY 15 1727.
RECEIV'D AUGUST 5TH. 1727.

TO ROBERT ADAMS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

WE receiv'd yours of August 31st. Yesterday, had We any Vessells proper to send you up the Quantity of Rice you want We sho'd forthwith Dispatch it to you; We therefore have sent your Tony to request you wo'd send down a Running Munchua or two which shall be speedily Laden for your Relief.

For the remainder of the Timbers at Callicut we have wrote them off to your Settlement notwithstanding which if a Convenient opportunity sho'd offer as by the Munchuas you send down, we shall Discount their Cost in the Rice We Load on them.

We have reason to believe that this Year will be full of troubles which will produce some Remarkable Revolution in these parts.

WE are

SIR & SIRS'
Your most humble Servants
ALEXR. ORME.
CHAS. WHITEHILL.
J. SALISBURY.
NS. GOODWIN.

ANJENGO
SEPTEMBER 8TH. 1727.
RECEIV'D THE 19TH. DO.

TO THE RT. WORSPLL. ROBERT ADAMS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

Yours of the 4th. & 7th. Ultimo We receiv'd the 19th. & 23d. with yours & Anjengo Packets for Bombay which We have detain'd in hopes of meeting with a Sea Conveyance for them, but none offering yet, We are Determin'd to send them over Land tomorrow by our Peons Express.

WE cannot find that there was any more Rice taken out of the Mallabar Munchua brought in by our Merchants Boats than Seventy nine Bales the Value of it here at the time your Letter concerning it Arrived, being Thirty Icaree Pagodas ℔ Corge amounting to Fifty six Pagodas, Six Chucaree & fifteen Tar which We have causd our Broker to make good to the Chief who is now accountable to Robert Adams Esqr. for the same & as to the Thirteen Pagodas & the other things

you say are wanting, We cannot tell how to find who has got them, except the people who lost them were here to shew us the persons that took them for 'em, which if you think fit to send they shall have justice done them.

Yesterday Arrived a Shybar from your Bombay bound to your Port, but the Cranny having Business that will detain him some time here, he deliver'd what Letters he had for you to us, among which being a Generall Letter We now forward the same to you ℔ Peon Express.

This Morning the Chief receiv'd advice from Goa that a Large Pyrat Ship Chased into that Port the Wakefield Captain Dixon from Persia, & other advices say, there are Two Pyrats Cruizing off Goa but the certainty of this news We cannot entirely depend on, and if We have any further advices of them we will advise you, being

Rt. Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Geo: Taylor.

Cha: Wyard.

Onore

September 19 1727.

Receiv'd October 5th.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

A Shybar being to depart in a day or two for your Port We Embrace the opportunity to own the Recet of your Letter of the 19 June which came not to Hand before the 31st. August.

We observe at your last Meeting with the Samorine's Ministers for Settling his Account, you were not able to proceed further than to State the severall Principall Articles, the Ballance in Olas being Fanams Five hundred thousand Eight hundred forty nine & Two Tar, The Ministers Objecting that the Custom of the Country allows no Interest after the Principall is Doubled; This you say, on Enquiry you was Convinc'd was so, however that you Judge no scruple will be made in allowing the Principall & Interest for such Sums as are Doubled by Interest, & for such Sums as are not so, to be Charged to a time fixed, so that the whole being made one Totall you think the Samorine may propose to Discharge it at severall Annual payments; This with your further propositions thereupon, have been consider'd of fully, & as We are now to acquaint you that We Consent to your Settling of Accounts in the manner abovemention'd to be paid in Annual payments, but you must not Concede to a longer time for discharging this Debt as shall be so Settled, than in four Annuall payments, & to Convince us that the Samorine is in earnest We think it necessary to Insist that the first Payment be immediately made, & since the Ministers must be won over, rather than make overtures to the Samorine for abating a part on his paying the Ballance of Accounts in a less time than you propose, We are of opinion it will be most effectuall to Present such of them as can be assisting in recovering of the same, & accordingly We now give you liberty to do so, not Exceeding Ten ℔ Cent on the Sum you shall receive at each Payment.

We are likewise to acquaint you that if the Samorine cannot be brought to the Terms abovementioned, We then Order that you Discharge all Nayrs &ca. Servants in Pay at Callicutt, & totally withdraw from thence, giving him (the Samorine) a Remonstrance in demand of his Debt, that for NonComplyance with you have our orders totally to leave his Dominions; Deliver one of the like Nature to the Commonalty the Consequence whereof they may reasonably believe will be Enforcing this our just demand, in Case it be not amicably Acceeded to, & what probably will be of Weight to obtain the same, without Compelling us to use force, but untill this matter be adjusted to our satisfaction, decline the repairing of Callicut & Tannore Houses as you have had before our Orders for.

You have already our full orders for Accomodating with Curringhoda, & since the Land without Moylan is likely to prove of so little Consequence as you represent it, We Consent that you Resign that part to him, or use any other means you Judge reasonable to come to a Reconciliation with him.

We observe Ally Rajah has taken Codala Fort, from whence you apprehend he will give us all the disturbance possible in our Pepper Trade. We are of opinion he will be very cautious of doing so, as he must be Sensible We can take satisfaction on his Trade afloat for what Injurys he may do us ashore & therefore We wo'd have you Cultivate a good Correspondence with him & not interfere in the Quarrel between him & our Prince, further than to Supply the latter with such Warlike Stores for his Defence as he shall request & pay Ready mony for, We think it for the same reason needless to be at the Charge of Settling with a Force at Agar, & Direct you only to Secure your pretensions to the Pepper Trade thereabouts by keeping a Banksall, taking care as Pepper is brought in that it be sent down to Tellicherry, so that as small Quantitys as possible be at any time Lodg'd there.

When We gave you our Orders for providing to the Quantity of One thousand Candys of Pepper We did suppose two Ships were intended us from England, but having notice but of one taken up for this Coast, of which you were also apprized Via Madrass some time in May, you might have proportion'd the provision of Pepper thereunto & leisurely as We did recommend to you buying the same up at the Cheapest times, without being under a necessity of Contracting for Four hundred Candys at the high price of Seventeen Venetians ℔ Candy you advise to have Agreed for it, for payment whereof We now Enclose an Order to the Commander of the Duke of Cumberland in Case She calls at your Port to deliver Three Chests of Treasure, & what We shall Judge necessary to supply you with for the Season, will be speedily sent you by some of our Cruizers. Forbear to provide any more Pepper untill you have further Orders, but be mindfull in Case Cardamoms are good & not unreasonably dear, to purchase the Quantity you have already been Order'd.

We shall also supply you with Stores & Medicines as shall be Judg'd necessary from the Indents you have sent us, what have been usually sent you of the latter, are the same our Honble Masters send hither, the which being Invoiced in a Lump by each Ship, the particulars sent you are Invoiced by Estimation & is not material whether they are under or Overcharged.

Enclosed you will receive Calculate for Regulating your Expences, which through neglect was left out of that paquet wherein it was mentioned to be sent you, but as it was by the Secry. forwarded soon afterwards by Double Conveyances We doubt not of your receiving it long since, & from which time We expect your punctual Conformance to, without any Exceeding, that We again think fit to repeat to you, will not be approved of but upon the most unavoidable necessity, that We hope & can have no reason to believe you will be Drove to. We are

Bombay Castle
September 10th. 1727.
Receiv'd *Via* Onore October 5th. 1727.

Your very Loving Friends
Wm. Phipps.
Robt. Cowan.
Hezekiah King.
Tho: Waters.
Henry Lowther.

To Capt. Benjamin Braund
Comander of the Duke of Cumberland
or to the Comr. for the time being.

We the President & Councill for Affairs of the Rt. Honble United Compa. of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies at Bombay do hereby order & Direct you to Deliver unto Robert Adams Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry

Three Chests of Treasure, for the use of the said Rt. Hoñble Company's Settlement at Tellicherry, taking their Receipt for the same which with this order shall be your Sufficient Warrant. Dated in Bombay Castle this 9th. Day of September 1727. We are

Receiv'd Via Onore October 5th. 1727.

Your very Loving Friends
William Phipps.
Robt. Cowan.
Hezekiah King.
Thos. Waters.
Henry Lowther.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

We have before us yours of the 19th. ultimo, & are now to advise you that the Rice remaining in our Warehouse stands Rated at Gallian Fanams Eight & Thirteen Maganeys.

We shall take care to send for the Plank you mention & Recharge it as you desire.

We cannot tell what turn the affairs of this Country will take only believe the Kings will get the full power in their Hands, that then the Compa. will Enjoy a free & full Trade, provided they duly pay the Customs & Annual Presents. We are

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Anjengo
October 5th. 1727.
Receiv'd 10th. Do.

Your very humble Servants
Alexr. Orme.
Cha: Whitehill.
J. Salisbury.
[Ns.] Goodwin.

Sir & Sirs

The above is Copy of what We sent by your Chambe, & the occasion of this to request you would provide us a few Coffee Plants to be sent down by the Cruizers that will speedily be with you, for these two Years past We have used all possible endeavours to raise some, but have been Unsuccessfull, therefore request you wo'd send us Directions about raising them & an Account of the nature of the soil which best Agrees with them.

You will be apprized from others of the large advances the Dutch have made in their Plantation at or about Papinate; They have this Year likewise put up a Plackat at Tutocorine, prohibiting the Paravas & others to plant Coffee Trees; We hope in a few Years from the advances made at your place, not to be much behind hand with the Dutch.

We wish you Success in our Hoñble Masters Affairs and are

Sir & Sirs

Anjengo
October 19 1727.
Receiv'd the 25th. Do.

Your very humble Servants
Alexander Orme.
Chas. Whitehill.
J. Salisbury.
Ns. Goodwin.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

We wrote you the Needfull the 10 September, Copy whereof is enclosed.

This you will receive by the Fame in whose Company We dispatch the Victoria and Bomb Ketch to bring away the Pepper you have had lying in Warehouse during the Rains, & the Four hundred Candys you some time ago you Contracted for with Chatoo Chitty at the high price of Seventeen Venetians ℔ Candy. On the Fame We have Laden such Stores as We can spare agreeable to your Indent; as also Four Chests of Treasure containing Thirty two thousand Rupees, which with the Order We have already sent you for Three Chests of Treasure to be taken out of the Duke of Cumberland, We Esteem a full Supply for your Settlement this Season.

The Victoria has orders to proceed directly for Anjengo, and to remain there for a Countenance to that Settlement untill the 10 December when She will return to take in what Pepper you may have to Load on her, & in the mean time do you Load the Fame and Bomb Ketch, and get the remainder in readyness to be Shipt off, that her Stay may be as short with you as possible; Give the Commanders Directions to call in at Onore, & follow the Chief &ca. orders there, 'till they shall give them their last dispatches for Bombay. We are

Bombay Castle
November the 8 1727
Receiv'd the 22d. Do. ℔ Fame.

Your very Loving Friends
William Phipps.
Robert Cowan.
John Braddyll.
Hezekiah King.
George Percivall.
Henry Lowther.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Rt. Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Your Favours under the 1st. Inst. was receiv'd the 12.

Yesterday Arrived here the Fame & Bomb Ketch from Bombay, on the former came Hezekiah King Chief for the Honble Company's Affairs at this place, the Victoria parted from the Fleet for Anjengo the 16 in the Evening.

The Affair about the 13 Pagodas at present needs no answer.

The Report of the Pyrates is all false & 'tis believ'd only made for a pretence for Capt. Dixon to go into Goa, contrary to his Owner's Orders.

The Honble President & Councill of Bombay give us Directions to send you what Rice We co'd get readily [by these] Vessells but being Inform'd by Mr. Taylor that he has supply'd you, & that there is One thousand Bales that you can't dispose of, & what little is here, is as dear, as what you Sold his for, We Judge it best not to send, you any; they farther said that if you were supply'd to send it to Anjengo, if that place is in want you will be able to supply them for the Rice you have of Mr. Taylors.

This comes by the Fame and Bomb Ketch, both Consigned you from Bombay.

We are

Onore November 18 1727.
Receiv'd ℔ Fame the 23d. Do.

Rt. Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants
Hezekiah King.
Cha: Wyard.
Thomas Pattle.

To the Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

The Reports of Rice keeping up its price in your parts induces us to send Three hundred and Fifty Bags on this Munchua amounting to Eight thousand One hundred forty one Fanams and Four Maganeys as ℔ Invoice enclosed, The Loss We find to arise on the Quantity in Warehouse, obliges us to Invoice it at Ten Fanams ℔ Bale.

We have Directed Muta Chitty to stay at Callicutt 'till he receives your Orders, it's probable it may bear a better price at Callicutt than at your place; In such Case you will please to order your Linguist to assist him in the sale of it, & that he remits its produce by Bill, for We are at present entirely out of Cash.

We now come to give an Account of the State of the Country. The Poolas have brought in Two Princes adopted in spite to the present Family of Colastree by the Princess of Oloor & Chittra Rajah when Third in Government of Travencore, to which Adoption Chenganatta consented, the Two Houses having Bribed him, and they were according to Custom inaugurated at Calari, & the Mother first and since her Death these Two Princes (a male and Female) have been constantly supported by Vanjamuttan.

Chenganatta, at this juncture Countenances the Poolas, & on the 14 Instant the Two Princes were brought into Attinga to be invested in the Government; the Poolas alledging that the King of Travencore & Queen of Attinga had forfeited the Government by their Tyrannical and Arbitrary proceeding, but however few of the Country people join'd the Poolas or acknowledg'd the Young Princes.

The Queen of Attinga having notice of these proceedings set out the 17 [. . .] from Trivendurone for Attinga in Company with no more than One hundred and fifty Men & some Women, giving out that She wo'd die Queen of Attinga; The Poolas having notice of her intent, sent Forces to stop her, but these mised of her She having taken a round about way, & She Arrived nigh Attinga about Twelve a clock at night, where the Poolas met her, & came to an Engagement with her people in which they killed the Quoya, Pandale to the Queen of Marta, who at present is Second here, severall were Wounded & among the rest a Woman, one of the Younger Poolas of Vanjamuttan is dangerously Wounded, but after all, their Respects for the Queen, and her resolute Behaviour (for She Quitted her Pallankeen and advanc'd at the Head of her people with a Sword and Targett) obliged the Poolas to give way, having done mischief enough & the Queen came to Attinga.

This Accident must oblige the King of Travencore to Enter Attinga which for some time will be a scene of Blood, and as the Freeholders in Travencore are Disgusted by the Kings insisting on having one half of the produce of all the Lands, they will in all probability join the Eight Madombees, & Elambi Pandali, all which the King of Travencore has drove out of his Dominions, and thus Travencore will likewise suffer the same Fate as Attinga.

Upon the whole the Honble Company cannot depend on any Trade either in Attinga or Travencore 'till these Troubles are over. This is what offers at present & We shall from time to time advise you of what happens.

We are,

Worspll Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Alexr. Orme.
Cha: Whitehill.
J. Salisbury.
Ns. Goodwin.

Anjengo
November 18 1727.
Receiv'd the 24 Do.

To the Rt. Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

1st. We receiv'd yours of the 3d. of August the 20 November, advising of the Receipt of our Calculate for reducing your Charges, & other Occurrences to the Date thereof, to which We shall give the necessary Reply.

2d. We are first however to observe that We have a long time ago recommended to you the accomodating your differences with Curringhoda on any reasonable terms, & such as might have a prospect of being lasting, in which View and the hopes We were willing to Entertain from what you wrote us under the 18 last March that there was some likelyhood of bringing to pass, It was that We Framed the Calculate We sent for Retrenching your Charges, expecting in such Case your Immediate Conforming thereto, but We are sorry to find by the advices We now acknowledge the Receipt of, you are yet in no Condition to Bear so Considerable a Retrenchment as Orderd in that Calculate. The other that you sent us, lower than which you say the Expences of your Garrison cannot be reduced with safety to them, We have receiv'd & Consider'd the severall Articles therein mention'd, with the reasons you Urge for the necessity of Exceeding the allowance We have Stated, and for so far as we Judge and believe them of Weight We are willing to acquiesce, withall untill such time as your Circumstances will permit of a further Reduction, the which as it is our Duty to Inculcate to you to see perform'd, it is no less yours to be observant in the Execution of our Orders, in this or any other point tending to the Honble Company's Interest; but wherein We think your reasons insufficient to Warrant your dispencing with our orders, regarding some Articles of your Charges, that We did, and do think superfluous, We shall again remark on them in the Body of this Letter, & expect you will punctually adhere thereto.

3d. The Generall Plea for your Non Complyance with what We have directed in reducing the Pay of those in Garrison, We observe is that your people will not serve in such Case which seems to us very extraordinary and the more that they sho'd Insist on larger Pay in our Service than what We are assured will be given them any where else, We must further observe to you, that keeping Garrisons clean is generally provided for with an Extraordinary expence for that purpose, and that it is also unusual that any allowance sho'd be made for carrying Provisions to those who do Duty at any of the Outposts; our Topasses here provide for that themselves, as well as allow somewhat Monthly out of their Pay for bringing Water for the use of the Garrison, wherefore We say, get rid of those who will not be Subject to such reasonable Discipline, as you are able to supply yourselves with others that will, for We do not think there can be a want of those among so great a number of Christians along the Mallabar Coast, that will be Willing to List with you, since many of them have not Rice to Eat.

4th. We are contented that those sho'd be Distinguish'd who have deserv'd well & are Attach'd to the Service, in the extraordinary Pay that is allow'd them, & particularly the Gunner of whom you give so great Commendations, The Topasses also must be allow'd the extraordinary Pay, which We Complain of untill their time of Service you have Agreed for, is Expired, when let others be Entertain'd in lieu of them as they can be got at the Pay We have Stated in the Calculate sent you.

5th. All Europeans Subjects of Great Brittain, serving as private Centinells are to be allow'd no more than Forty one Fanams ℔ Mensem, whom however, on their not being Contented therewith, you are not to Discharge, but send hither, & the European Foreigners who are not Willing to serve at that Pay, Discharge, when you can be otherwise supply'd, or do without them; and in Generall We say, discharge those from the Service (not being English) who have extraordinary Pay, and have not some way or other merited as before taken notice of as you have opportunity to supply yourselves with others on easier Terms; We generally make some Distinction between the European Portugueze and others and We find them well pleas'd to serve here at Six Rupees ℔ Mensem.

It is requisite that We again forbid the maintaining for a Constancy any Invalids or Pentioners of any kind, but if any Suffer in the Service by loss of Life or Limb; We permit your allowing of smart mony so far as One hundred Fanams to the Widdow of any man killed in the Service, & Forty ffanams for the Loss of a Limb. The Three Boys you mention to be born in the place & Training up as Soldiers, We think may be Entitled to pay, when they are Capable of Service & not before, therefore let them be struck off. 6

We did not particularly provide in the Calculate sent you for Putinha and Tirimalla, supposing that might be done without an extraordinary Expence, on the Peace We had hopes wo'd be Establish'd with Curringhoda & which must Cease whenever an Accommodation is brought about. 7

We observe what you write that although We allow our Prince Cunhi Homo Three Hundred Seventy five Fanams ℔ mensem, it costs him about One thousand to Garrison Tirimalla Redout; to which We say that it certainly belongs to him, & not to us to Protect & Defend his own Territorys, & even our Trade in them since We pay him Customs, for though the Scituation of Tellicherry so ill answers the purpose of Fortifying there, it was never meant the doing so, sho'd Engage our taking part with any of the Country Governments in the Quarrels among themselves. 8

You have already had our Directions how to Behave with respect to Ally Rajah, in the Quarrell broke out between him and our Prince; and to give the latter what Assistance you are capable of, for recovering & defending his Right against the other; so that he himself & not We bear the Charge. And We now give Mr. Adams liberty to offer to Mediate an Accomodation between them; letting Ally Rajah know that if the Honble Company sho'd suffer any Damage through the Disturbance he has Created with our Prince, We shall take Satisfaction on his Trade at Sea. 9

The great Supplys which the French give out they expect at Mihie, We believe they may fall short of, having reason to think 'though their Expence be not so Considerable as what made by our Honble Masters for these Seven Years past, their Company are as little Inclinable to continue it; and We are fully Sensible our Honble Masters are Weary thereof from the Discretionall Power they have given to Quit the Settlement provided it cannot be maintain'd at such a reasonable Expence as the Trade will Bear. 10

We have heard that Mr. Adams sho'd say that if the Honble Company was Inclinable to sell the Fort of Moylan, he co'd dispose of it for as much or more than it cost them; co'd the same be done, & the like for Tellicherry Fort, after drawing off the Artillery, or even at a much less Value, it wo'd be Inviting to part with them, in Case they are not to be brought nearer to an Equivalent for the Charge of maintaining them. 11

You have before had such Discretionall Orders, as We think necessary to Lodge with you for adjusting with the Samorine, & even Compounding for that large Debt, which We hope will Enable Mr. Adams to bring the same to a speedy Issue. 12

We shall by the first Secure Conveyance send you Twelve thousand Rupees in Fifths as you desire for Defraying of your Charges over and above what We have already provided for your Settlement. 13

Enclosed is the Presidents Letter to the French Generall at Pondicherry which recommend to their Gentlemen at Mihie to forward thither. 14

Since writing the foregoing your Letter of the 11th. November is come to hand, whereto we shall answer what is requisite. 15

In the preceeding advices We have told you, you have our full directions for Settling of the Samorine's Account; To which We now add that you will have a fair opportunity with the Countenance of the Fame and Bomb Ketch, during the Victoria's stay at Anjengo, to make use of them in the manner you desire; not only to Protect you from the Insults of the Dutch, but give a Countenance to our Affairs, where you shall otherwise Judge their Appearance necessary, but then We expect them to be dis[patched] by you at the time Limited. 16

17 We do not rightly apprehend how the Debt you mention due from Ally Rajah's Family came to be wrote off your Books, since the Chief and Linguist seem so well satisfy'd in the Justness of it, for that with many others were carry'd off in Mr. Adams his time, which sho'd have nor [*sic*] been permitted, but the then President & Councill ought to have been made acquainted that there was some hopes of recovering of them & as there seems not room for their being disputed, We now Direct that you insist on the payment thereof.

18 We observe the King of Puniture and Boyanore have not Comply'd with the promises they made you for discharging a part of their Debts, We can only repeat Our Directions to you, to press the former to it, & Accept of Boyanores Pepper on the best terms you can Agree, hoping you will be able to get it at somewhat less than seventeen Venetians ℔ Candy when you come to strike for it.

19 The President, on Notice of the Massacre at Juddah, took the first opportunity to write to the Ambassadour at Constantinople, desiring his good Offices in that Affair, and will write to the Bashaw in demand of the Ships and Effects by the Moors Ships Bound thither this Season, which is the only step he can as yet take for the Recovery of them.

20 On the present scarcity of Grain We permit of your delivering out the Rice you had from Mangalore to the Military at such a moderate Rate that our Hoñble Masters are no Sufferers thereby which We fear they must be, if you have not provided for the Waste which happens usually in measuring of Grain and what you ought to have a regard to.

21 Your Expences in Entertaining the French Chief &ca. wo'd have been the [most] acceptable, had they been less, the Article of Gunpowder seems very extravagant which We the rather take notice of, not to have such Expensive Visits brought into [Custom].

22 We wonder the Chief sho'd not before this, advise of the Loan of Nineteen Guns he had made to the Hoñble Company however if our Hoñble Masters have had the Quantity from him; It is but reasonable he be paid, and therefore We shall deliver of the like Nature if We have them to his order here. We are,

Bombay Castle
December 1 1727.

Your very Loving Friends
Willm. Phipps.
Robt. Cowan.
Geo: Percivall.
Henry Lowther.

P.S.

Mr. William Jeynson being now a Factor, admit him into your Councill.

Receiv'd December 10.

To Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief [&ca.] Factors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

We now send up our Munchua to bring the Coffee Plants you have been pleas'd to provide for this place, We beg that you wo'd likewise send us such Directions about their Culture & the soil that best Agrees with them, as your Experience has furnish'd you with.

We likewise send you Copys of severall Letters and Answers from our good Friends and Allies the Dutch.

And We are only to advise you that the measures pointed out in the Extract of our Consultation of October 20th. had the Wish'd for Effect, & our Chitty apprehending We might stop up all Trade, bestirred himself so as to recover the King of Travencore's Debt to the Company.

We have made full satisfaction to the Merchant whose Cotton was stopt by allowing him Five hundred New Fanams Clear of all Charges ℔ Candy & the Chief has receiv'd a Letter of thanks from him.

The Resolutions taken after our Consultation of October the 20th. render'd it needless to trouble you because on the Landing the Cotton the Merchant had Security given him, that he performing that Friendly office to the Company, all possible Damages sho'd be made good to him.

The reasons for the detaining our Chief's Munchua & Goods are Instances of what the Dutch wo'd be at.

It is Granted the Chief did send to Contract for Pepper at Porca, & has severall Letters from that King to Trade in his Country & the Quantity he wanted was One thousand Candys, but to inferr therefore that the Munchua sent up was to receive that Pepper & not to proceed to Callicutt is false, for the Mariners were all paid to go to Callicutt, & none in the Vessell co'd tell any thing more, but the Dutch it seems Imprison'd them closely & threatned them & frightned into such Confession as they pleas'd.

The Writer sent ashore was pursued as far as Ceylone & the Capt. there had Orders to seize him 'though a servant of the Company.

In short the Dutch want us to acknowledge the Validity of such Exclusive Contracts as they have Compelled the Natives to make, and if We once fall in with their Measures & allow their Oppressions to be Legall & their Exclusive Contracts to be Valid, We shall in a little time have but a precarious Right to the Pepper Trade, for it will be an easy matter for them to Trump up Dormant exclusive Contracts, which if well managed by frightning the Princes in whose Dominions our Honble Masters have Settlements, We may be obliged either to leave them, or which is worse maintain them without reaping the advantage of Trade; this deserves our Honble Masters most serious Consideration, & all We are to observe at this juncture is the Wonderfull Gratitude of these neighbours, who, while the Brittish Nation is endeavouring to free them from that Grievous Thorn of the Ostend Company, are in Requitall subverting their Trade in India, Insulting them openly & stopping up the Seas in these parts in such a manner as their Servants cannot pursue their Lawfull Trade. We are,

Worspll. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Alexander Orme.
Cha : Whitehill.
J. Salisbury.
Ns. Goodwin.

Anjengo
January 5 1727/8.
Receiv'd the 12 Do. ℔ Munchua.

To the Worspll. Robert Adams Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

This comes by the Balls to request you will send us down by the Round Munchua as many men as you can conveniently spare for this Settlement, our Garrison at present being Weak, & the hazard from the Country people (who are involved in Wars around us) so great that our Soldiers and Inhabitants that are Qualify'd are obliged to Sleep under Arms.

It is true We are Friends with both Partys, but it is to be doubted that the Kings having been at the Expence of raising a very great Force, may after they have Subdued the Poolas and Cawacars, bend it against this Fort, since it is certain that no Sovereign Powers can be well satisfied to see Fortifications belonging to Foreigners in their Dominions.

It is true the Hoñble Company have been & now are firm to the Interest of the Kings & in return might Expect all good Offices from them, but long Experience has taught the utmost Extent of Mallabar Gratitude, which consists only in such Expressions as best Suits their present Exigencys.

We have nothing more to add but again to Entreat you to Comply with our present Request, and that you will send us down some good Rice by the Munchua.

WE are,

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

Your humble Servants

ALEXANDER ORME.
CHA : WHITEHILL.
J. SALISBURY.
NS. GOODWIN.

ANJENGO
JANUARY 11 1727/8.
RECEIV'D THE 16 DO. ℔ BALLS GALLY.

To ROBERT ADAMS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Yours of the 22d. November & 21st. December We receiv'd the 15 Ulto. & 16 Instant, and with the latter your Books of Accounts, Diary &ca. papers mention'd to be enclosed; To which We shall now reply as far as We think requires an Immediate answer.

By the Victoria We now Consign you the Fifths of Rupees & sundry Stores you indented for, as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to Rupees Thirty eight thousand & Ten (including the Treasure taken out of the Cumberland) & shall take care before the Close of the Season to send such a further Supply as We Judge necessary.

WE take notice of the Chief's Intention of laying down the Service in Aprill, as well as the abrupt manner in which it is Signified, when at the same time he desires to be Gratified in leaving the place as Chief. The President also gives us to understand that in a private Letter to himself, that Mr. Adams writes that his own and Brother Hills Affairs requiring him to go to Madrass, he desires a Successour may be order'd so as he may leave the Coast by the latter End of Aprill, whereto We answer, that Mr. Adams may reasonably expect from his positive manner of Expressing himself that it wo'd readily lead us in the appointing a Chief immediately to take place on his Arrivall with you, however to wave further notice in the want of Respect in the manner his Intention is mention'd his request in that particular will be Consider'd as it shall be found when him appointed his room arrives with you what progress is made for the recovery of the Outstanding Debts, in Conformity to the orders We have given you.

And our Hoñble Masters looking on Mr. Adams next themselves more immediately concern'd in the recovery of those Debts as the same have been wholly Contracted by him, & their Orders hither the last season being express, the which are more positively repeated in those lately receiv'd by ship Duke of Cumberland where they require us to Cause Mr. Adams to make good all Deficiencys arising from Loans he made for which he had no Warrant from his Superiours, or did get leave from them thro wrong Representations, sho'd it therefore from the steps taken & expectations given hither of the recovery of them, still remain doubtfull whether they will be so or no, when him appointed to Succeed Arrives, he is then immediately to take place, and Mr. Adams in such Case will be required to remain with you for assisting with his advice towards getting of them in, untill they are so, unless he gives security for the Sum as required to answer full Deficiency as may be Deem'd by the Hoñble Court of Directors he is responsible for, in what of those Debts shall become Desperate.

Our Hoñble Masters having been pleas'd to Order Double the Quantity of Cardamoms to be provided this Season, if they prove good, you are to encrease the Quantity already Enorder'd to Forty Candys and they Complaining particularly of the high price of Pepper lately purchased at your settlement We have thought fit to Limit your further provision to Five hundred Candys taking care to purchase the same leisurely & upon no Account exceed fifteen Venetians ℔ Candy.

Having receiv'd certain advice overland of the Death of his Majesty King George & of the Accession of the Prince & Princess to the Thrones of Great Brittain and Ireland, You are to Cause their Majestys to be Proclaimed with the usual Solemnity, according to the Form of a Proclamation here sent enclosed.

By the Duke of Cumberland our Hoñble Masters have been pleas'd to send us his Majestys Royall Charter, Constituting a Mayors Court for Trying all Civill Causes, and the President and Councill to be a Court of Oyer and Terminer for Trying all Causes Criminall, High Treason Excepted throughout the Limits of this Presidency.

In your advice under the 3d. of August you tell us the Callicut Linguist had obtain'd a promise from the Governour & Custom Masters for Eight thousand Fanams on Account the Samorines Debt, which you daily expected to hear was receiv'd, but which We do not find since is so, or any notice taken of it, which We therefore mention here that you may see it be Comply'd with as well as Boyanores promise to pay you a good part of his Debt in all last month.

The Value of the Twelve Barrells of Gunpowder Dust sent by the Fame and Victoria is esteem'd to be about Eight Rupees ℔ Barrell, & the Iron Gun, which our Gunner assures us is a very good one at Six Rupees ℔ hundred Wt. for which you may Debt this Presidency.

Do you send us the duplicates of your Books of Accounts and Diary as We shall have an opportunity of sending them by the Cumberland early after the Rains, who probably will not touch at your Port.

In return for the Nineteen Guns Mr. Adams formerly lent the Company at Tellicherry We shall deliver the like Number and Weight to his order here. We are,

Bombay Castle
January 31st. 1727/8.
Receiv'd ffebruary 15 Dc
℔ Victoria.

Your Loving Friends
Willm. Phipps.
Robt. Cowan.
Jno. Braddyll.
Henry Lowther.
Thos. Rammell.
J. Lambton.

To Robert Adams Esqr.
John Braddyll Esqr.
&ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

In pursuance of the Chief's Request for laying down the Service in Aprill next We have appointed Mr. John Braddyll to Succeed him in the Chiefship, who now takes passage upon the Fort St. George Gally. We are willing to Gratifie Mr. Adams in his request for leaving the shore Chief so far as in our power, without Deviating from our Hoñble Masters Orders which are very Express by the Duke of Cumberland for his making good all such Deficiencys arising from the Loans he made to the Country Governments, for which he had no Warrant from his Superiours, or get leave by wrong Representations, and have thereupon Drawn out the

Enclosed Account N. Charging him with what We think at least he is responsible for, by virtue of the said orders, which if adhered to in the strictest sense, there is room to Charge him with a much larger Sum; wherefore in the manner it is drawn out and sent you he ought to Esteem the same done very much in his Favour, as observ'd on sundry Articles & remarks We have made which you will find Annex'd to said Account; The Ballance whereof amounting to Callicutt Fanams Two hundred Thirty one thousand Two hundred Ninety four, and Ten Vis, you are to demand immediate payment of, but in Case he sho'd plead a present inability to pay in so large a Sum, or sho'd otherwise object against the Account as now stated, to make it the easier to him We permit you to accept of his Bonds in the Penalty of Double the Sum to stand by the Determination and Award of the Honble Court of Directors for the time being, for which purpose We send you Two Bonds enclosed for him to Execute, which you are to take also Care be Authentickly Witnessed, and in Case he Complys in either of these Respects he is to continue Chief so long as he stays upon the Shore, provided he leaves the place the first convenient opportunity for him to Embark with his Family which is to be before the Rains, but if he refuses to Comply in paying the mony required, or to Sign the Bonds, We then Order that Mr. John Braddyll immediately takes place as Chief, for which the President's Commission is here Enclosed in such Case to be deliver'd him, and after Mr. Adams has Accounted for what under his Charge; Cause him to repair hither by the first opportunity; But sho'd you Judge that his Continuance with you is absolutely necessary, for the recovery of those Outstanding Debts, you are to require him to stay for that purpose to give his Advice & Assistance therein untill Directed otherwise from hence; during which time We order that place be given him next to our Chief Mr. John Braddyll, and that his Sallary be continued to him with an Allowance of Fifty Rupees ℔ Month for his Dyet &ca.

And here We shall take notice that when the Allowance for the Table of your Cheifship was settled at somewhat extraordinary beyond others in Consideration of Mr. Adams, it was resolved that it sho'd not prevaile as a Precedent for it's being continued to succeeding Chiefs, and which is accordingly to remain in force, except order'd otherwise on speciall occasions, as at present We are induced to, from Mr. John Braddylls Station at this Board, & his Generall Experience and knowledge in the Honble Company's Affairs, as well as the application he has shewn in his Capacity to their Interest, from whence We expect our Honble Masters as well as this Presidency will be made Easy in the good Oeconomy & management at your Settlement, wherefore it is that We Direct that the same Allowance for the Chiefs Table be Continued to him as Mr. Adams was Indulged withall.

And 'though We have our Honble Masters positive and repeated Orders to Ease them of the Superfluous Charge of all useless persons in their Service, or of those that answer not to the Station they are in, such as Mr. John Johnson whom We have long Esteem'd of that Number, who because of his long Standing in their Service, We are unwilling to deprive him of Subsistance therein, so as not thereby to discourage others of Distinguishing Merit, do therefore Order that on Mr. John Braddyll's becoming Chief as aforesaid, Mr. John Johnson do then take place next below, Mr. William Forbes & before Mr. Hugh Howard, to be appointed to such Business as you shall find him most fit for & that Mr. Stephen Law be Second to Mr. John Braddyll.

But notwithstanding We have indulged Mr. Adams on the Conditions aforemention'd to keep the Chair untill he leaves the shore, which on performing the same he is to do before the Rains, and in such Case & that only he has our leave to repair to Madrass, according as he has requested; We nevertheless Order that from the time Mr. John Braddyll Arrives with you, nothing be Transacted in our Honble Masters Affairs, nor any Pepper Contracted for within the District of your Settlement on Account of yourselves or other Traders under our Honble Masters Protection, but with the knowledge, Consent, and approbation of Mr. John Braddyll.

And least our orders may have been neglected for Collecting the Duty of Three Rupees ℔ Candy on all Pepper Exported on Private Account by those under our Hoñble Masters protection from the Pepper Settlements, We repeat the same again here for your taking Care that the same be faithfully done within your reach, or when not so, advising hither as well as the Presidencys of Madrass & Bengall, or to Persia, according as whither the Ships may be Bound to, of the Quantitys of Pepper you can get Notice they go away withall from off the Coast, who have not paid that Duty, in order for our, or their recovering thereof.

We come now to reply to your Letters of the 15th. & 17th. January, which came to hand the 7th. Instant by the Balls and Shawallum.

We take notice you have purchas'd Twenty Candys of Cardamoms, half at Seventy three, & half at Seventy five Venetians ℔ Candy, which We expect you will Encrease to Forty Candys, agreeable to our last Orders, taking care they be well Packt up and Chested.

Anjengo, We hope & believe is in a Condition for sufficient Defence against any reasonable apprehensions of Danger, from the Country Governments Warring with each other, without being Reinforced with further Recruits, & shall be pleas'd if after advices gave you reason to Evade that Charge Supply them as you are able & have opportunity & as they shall advise to want with what Rice possible for the use of their Garrison.

Press Ally Rajah to finish his Accounts with the Hoñble Company and use your endeavours to get in the Debts due from that Family er'e he proceeds on his Pilgrimage to Mecca.

It looks very ill that the Samorine sho'd put off your meeting him from time to time & what makes us suspect that his Intentions are not Sincere for Accomodating the Hoñble Compànys Debt, however it Behoves Mr. Adams to Exert his Utmost for bringing those Accounts to an issue, as those Loans were wholly made by him, & what the Company expect, 'though We have not Debted him for them in Account, that he shall take care to see recover'd for which purpose as aforesaid, his Assistance if thought necessary, will be required.

Since the French seem Inclinable to come to an Amicable Agreemt. with you, use your endeavours to Cultivate it by all means possible.

On the Gally We have Laden One Chest of Treasure, a Bundle of Stationary Ware & a peice of Green Cloth for your writing Desks, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, amounting to Rupees Fifteen thousand One hundred and Eighteen.

Forward the Enclosed Copy of the President's Letter to the Generall of Pondicherry in Case you have no Notice of the formers being receiv'd. We are,

Bombay Castle
February 26 1727/8.

Detain not this Vessell longer than you can lade what you have ready to send us up as We shall want her for other service.

Receiv'd ℔ Fort St. George Gally
March the 10th. 1727/8.

Your Loving Friends
Willm. Phipps.
Robt. Cowan.
Jno. Courtney.
Jno. Braddyll.
Geo: Percivall.
Henry Lowther.
Tho: Rammell.

To Messrs. John Johnson, William Forbes
Hugh Howard and William Jeynson.

Gentlemen

We arrived this Noon here, and are sending away people to adjust our Meeting the Samorine.

The extraordinary want of Rice at Mangalore We are Inform'd by advices lately from thence that We fear there will be great difficulty for our people to obtain a Lading for the Munchuas sent on our Honble Masters Account; We understand they are Arrived there but have been obliged to proceed to some of the Northern Ports through an Impediment laid by the Carnatick King to give no Supplys to any one, and the Portugueze are Incapable of getting near the Quantity required for Lading their Vessells. We have been considering Seriously how to Surmount or Alleviate these Impending Misfortunes and in fine Conceive it the only means proper to Send the Vicar of Tellicherry to Mangalore with the Chief's Letter to the Governour there, pressing him to permit our having Four or five thous[and] Bales of Rice at least for the maintenance of our Garrisons, & for this purpose you will receive enclosed a Letter to the Vicar, who We doubt not will readily go away. We desire therefore he may have One thousand Five hundred Dollars deliver'd him, to pay for an additional Quantity of Rice & for the better security Two good Soldiers in a large Tony to be dispatcht with all Expedition possible; By this Boat pray advise us of your proceedings herein. We are,

GENTLEMEN

Your very humble Servants
ROBERT ADAMS.
JNO. BRADDYLL.
STEPHEN LAW.

TANNORE
MARCH THE 18 1727/8.
RECEIV'D THE 19 Do.

To MESSRS. JOHN JOHNSON, WILLIAM FORBES,
HUGH HOWARD AND WILLIAM JEYNSON.

GENTLEMEN

WE this morning receiv'd yours of the 19th. and are pleas'd the Padree so readily accepted going to Mangalore, where We hope he will render us the desired Service. Our Linguist is now with the Samorine to press his moving to Penaney for our Visiting him whither We believe We shall set out to morrow at furthest, at present We have nothing to advise as We are not yet acquainted what discourse the Linguist has had with him; if anything happens with you of moment pray let us be advised Express. We are,

GENTLEMEN

Your very humble Servants
ROBERT ADAMS.
JNO. BRADDYLL.
STEPHEN LAW.

TANNORE
MARCH THE 21ST. 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 23D. Do.

To MESSRS. JOHN JOHNSON, WILLIAM FFORBES
HUGH HOWARD, WILLIAM JEYNSON.

GENTLEMEN

WE receiv'd yours of the 23d. Instant yesterday noon, just before our making the Visit to the Samorine; We have hopes of receiving now Two hundred thousand fanams and to put the whole Debt on a good footing for the future; The ministers are to be here presently to adjust every thing and by the 29 We have thoughts of Embarking. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your very humble Servants
ROBERT ADAMS.
JNO. BRADDYLL.
STEPHEN LAW.

PENANEY
MARCH THE 26 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 29 Do.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQ[R]. &C[A]. FACTORS
AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

ON our getting ashore here about noon, We receiv'd a Letter Directed to John Braddyll Esq[r]. and us from the Gentlemen of Tellicherry under Date the 30[th]. ultimo, Signifying their having put a stop to M[rs]. Adams Embarking Effects on the Decker; Judging from Cap[t]. Upton's Discourse that She & the Family intended to take their passage on that Ship for Madrass whose departure wo'd be in three or four days; This proceeding is of a very Singular Nature so very weak, and presumptuous as not to be paralelled, and indeed We are at a Loss how to Account for it; especially when We reflect that althô the Honble President and Councill of Bombay have been pleas'd to give some directions in regard to M[r]. Adams; yet We are very Confident there was not the least orders to Warrant the Stopping of his Family and Effects; M[r]. Johnson, by Signing first We might Suppose to have been the principall Actor in this proceeding; but by a Letter from M[rs]. Adams to him it is apparent M[r]. Forbes assumed an Authority over the other Gentlemen & actually appointed first M[r]. Howard, & afterwards Lieu[t]. Gibbs in his own name to Signifie to her, none of her Effects sho'd be permitted to go off. This unprecedented Insult of his offer'd in our Absence as well as the taking upon him the Chief management & Direction We Esteem a Tendency to distraction, & disturbing the Settlement, and a Violation of the Respect due to the Chief at a time when he was employ'd in the service of our Honble Masters. We assure ourselves John Braddyll Esq[r]. will have a just Resentment of this Indignity being nothing less than an Arrest on the Family & Effects of the Chief as fully appears by the Letter now receiv'd.

WE have sent for the Custom Master Principall, to press his bringing us speedily the large Sum promis'd us, sho'd be paid here, in two or three days, We have hopes of receiving some part. As the Soldiers may be wanted at Tellicherry We now send Twenty five by the Two Munchuas that have been down with us; the remaining fourteen stay for our Guard up. We are,

SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants
ROBERT ADAMS.
STEPHEN LAW.

CALLICUTT
APRILL THE 3[D]. 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 4 D[O].

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQ[R].
&C[A] FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Since our last to you, yesterday We receiv'd farther advices from the Gentlemen of Tellicherry of that Date with the Welcome News that our Honble Masters mony is Invested in Rice & the Boats may be speedily expected with it. The enclosed Letter to the Chief from the Vicar Signifies the same, & that he found it needless on his Arrival to use any means with the Governour of Mangalore.

We are very sory Mess[rs]. Johnson, Forbes, Howard & Jeynson should not in all this time reflect on their having engaged in a Conduct directly opposite to the orders of our Superiours, & a Notorious Insult to the Chief, Deragatory to the Rules of Justice, & an Unheard of presumption to Arrest & detain the Effects of the very person who is appointed over them, not doubting but the same will meet with the proper Notice & Resentment.

The Head Custom Master has been with us to day, giving hopes that a Considerable Sum will be paid us very shortly, which you may be assured of our forwarding all that's possible. We are

SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants
ROBERT ADAMS.
STEPHEN LAW.

CALLICUTT
APRILL THE 4TH. 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 5TH. Do.

TO ROBERT ADAMS ESQR. JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
[&CA.] FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Yours of the 21st. Ultimo came to hand the 18th. Instant by the Hertford whereto We now give answer.

The President has receiv'd the Generall of Pondicherry's answer to what he wrote him on the differences Subsisting between you & their people of Mihie; Intimating that according to the President's proposal he had appointed Two from his side to Treat with such as We sho'd Nominate to bring about a thorough good understanding between us; & do observe the Articles you have Transmitted that have been mutually Agreed from such a Conference for the Common Benefit of both Companys; as well as their Plea & pretence you Note to us for their keeping a Garrison on our side of the River, which without, they think not that of Mihie Secure; whereto We have less to object, as the greater Space of Land allotted us will require the greater Force to protect it; which must not be our Drift further than it will countervail the Charge and while We continue Friends, agreeable to these Articles of Agreement, such a Garrison may be of use to keep Curringhoda more in Awe of being troublesome to either.

As the 4th. Article seems to tye up each Party to the Conditions of buying Pepper at the price only as shall be Settled between us, We think that will be best left free to both, only to Consult together how each may be supply'd Cheapest, but as one Side may sometimes be under greater Necessity for Pepper than the other; it will be Inconvenient to either coming under such Restrictions; That being accordingly so Explain'd, We approve of all the rest, which We therefore Order that you Ratifie with them, & to remain in fforce between us here in India, 'though the Nations may happen to be at War in Europe lyable however to be Revoked by Orders of either Company.

Supply the Supracargos of the Balls with what Pepper they desire, & can be got at the Company's Price, they paying besides the New Duty of Three Rupees ℔ Candy.

The Said Duty being demanded here of Capt. Francis Nelly of the Hertford for Fifty Candys brought hither, as having no Certificate of it's being paid before; he has given his, that no such Duty was Demanded of him, of which Enclosed We send you Attested Copy, and as the same was not advised hither, We do suppose it may have been paid by the Sellers, but if not, see they make it good, & as the same shall at times be paid or refused to be Comply'd with all; Give a Certificate, or advise of their Refusall, to prevent further Disputes.

WE have been so full in our last Advices relating to Mr. Adams that We have not else to add here concerning him. We are

Your Loving Friends
WILLIAM PHIPPS.
ROBT. COWAN.
GEO: PERCIVALL.
HENRY LOWTHER.
THO: RAMMELL.
ARTHUR UPTON.

BOMBAY CASTLE
MARCH 26TH. 1728.
RECEIV'D APRILL 6TH. Do.
℔ BALLS GALLY.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
&CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

WE are to answer your Three Letters under the 4, 5 and 6th. Instant, the last of which enclosed Copys of the Generall advices &ca. papers ℔ Ship Balls from the Hoñble President and Councill of Bombay.

'Tis a particular satisfaction to us, that Mr. Braddyll has taken such measures in regard to the Conduct of the Gentlemen of Tellicherry in our Absence & therefore We shall leave it to be Judg'd of by our Superiours at Bombay hoping they will please to put the Construction on it so extraordinary a proceeding deserves as it is of a very Singular Nature.

As you may be in want of the Treasury Account the Chief encloses the same for March which has Credit for the Thousand Rupees carry'd to Defray the Charges in our Visit to the Samorine, of which an exact Account will be speedily render'd, after our finishing the Business depending here.

This Morning the Samorines Custom Master deliver'd us Twelve thousand New Callicutt Fanams, with promise of a more Considerable sum in two or three days, We shall be glad to have your Opinions whether to Exchange them & what We may farther receive, into more Currant Mony proper for Tellicherry, or let them remain in the same Specie, you may be assured of our utmost Diligence in the Dispatch of the Business here, that our stay may be the shorter. We are

SR. AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
ROBERT ADAMS.
STEPHEN LAW.

CALLICUTT
APRILL THE 7TH. 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 9TH. DITTO.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

The Season being far advanced, & no certain Conveyance offering for Transporting of me & my Family to Madrass, but only the Decker who is now in this Road ready to depart; I am under a necessity contrary to my Inclinations of leaving this place directly which deprives me of the occasion of delivering up my Charge as I intended, however, my Hoñble Masters affairs will not, I am confident, suffer thereby in the least, for I have here enclosed the Account of the Treasury, where you will find an exact Ballance of the Mony Entrusted to me.

You cannot, I think, Impute this my proceeding as irregular, or Improper, since I gave a timely notice of my departure to the Hoñble President & Councill of Bombay, by which they had leisure to appoint a Successor, with whom since his Arrivall I have Labour'd to put the Outstanding Debts on a good prospect of being recoverd, & in particular that Grand one of the Samorine; I hope likewise the King of Punitures, Mother Queens & Durmet Ponycarry's will be forth coming in a short time; The Two first I think will be very safe, indeed of the other I am in some doubt, by his being out of the King's favour; but that, should it not be recoverd, will occasion but a very trifling loss.

The Severall Loans which have been made in the Course of my administration, I solemnly Declare, were wholly intended by me, for my Hoñble Masters Service, & I am sure I have had an Intolerable share of Trouble & Vexation, during the most part of my Residence; The Demands which are made on me on Account of the Debts, I shall never Decline answering to & as I am going before the Hoñble Company they will have an opportunity of Judging how far my proceedings therein are warrantable, & certainly can, if my Conduct has been unfaithfull, obtain redress

through the wholesome Laws of our native Country. I had almost forgot to mention the Prince Cunhi Homa, who likewise owes a Considerable Sum; I am of opinion he will make just payment in time, if I thought my Judgement would have any Weight with you, I sho'd be induced to offer to you a thorough Caution of that Prince who will be always capable of influencing your affairs; that I may not be wanting in any thing for the Publick Benefit, I have wrote him, as well as the King of Cotata, Boyanore, Ally Rajah, & the Nombiars pressing their maintaining a lasting Friendship with the Honble Company, assuring them on your parts no means will be neglected of Cementing the same.

Just as I was about to Conclude this, in order to Embark, Mr. Stephen Law deliver'd me a Protest, which I think requires no particular answer, and I have only to add I wish you a series of Success in the Honble Company's Affairs, as well as your own & am,

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servant
ROBT. ADAMS.

CALLICUTT
APRILL 12 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 16 DO.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY

SIRS

Yours of the 2d. Ultimo by the Southgate We receiv'd the 27th. March, & that by the Fort St. George Gally came to hand yesterday, to which We shall at present Wave making any further Reply to, further than to answer such parts as We think require our more Immediate Consideration.

WE observe Mr. Adam's reasons for demurring to pay the Sum We had decreed on account of the Loans he made to the Country Governments without sufficient authority, or Executing the Bonds We sent you to Stand by the Determination, & Award of our Honble Masters, in Case of his not Complying in the Payment of what We had so order'd with his promises of Assistance in recovering what of them he can before his departure for which purpose he was with Messrs. Braddyll & Law to Embark on the Victoria, in order to meet the Samorine at Penaney, And in answer thereto We say that whatever Sum or sums of Mony are now or may hereafter be recover'd from the Samorine, cannot properly affect what Mr. Adams is Charged withall on Account of those Loans, untill those made prior thereto, are Satisfied for, when what more recover'd is to be for Account of Mr. Adams, if he complys in paying the Sum We have order'd, And in Case Prince Cunhi Homo discharges his Debt; Mr. Adams is then to have Credit for what he is Charg'd withall on that Account, which if done before Mr. Adams's departure the Sum mention'd in the Bonds already sent you to be Executed is by so far to be reduced; and what We have determin'd upon in that respect, cannot now be alter'd but by Orders from our Honble Masters, wherefore We have thought fit to Direct that Mr. John Braddyll without any Excuses or Evasions immediately take place as Chief and in Case Mr. Adams still refuses to pay the mony or Execute the Bonds as required, that you detain him at Tellicherry to be assisting in the recovery of the Debts, which if he will neither Comply with, Cause him to repair hither by the first opportunity.

As through the Wars in the Country about Anjengo; We are uncertain whether they will be able to Secure the Quantity of Pepper We expected from thence, do you take care to buy up leisurely to the Quantity of One thousand Candys to be ready in all October next; Circumscribing the Private Traders in their purchases that the same may not Enhaunce the price of what We have now Order'd to be bought on Account of the Honble Company.

Since Messrs. Law and fforbes seem so well Satisfied with their former Stations, & so little Sensible of the Notice We thought fit to take of them, We therefore now Order that Mr. Johnson be continued Second, when Mr. Braddyll takes post untill our further Orders. We are,

Bombay Castle
Aprill the 5th. 1728.
Receiv'd the 24 Ditto
Via Mangalore.

Your Loving Friends
William Phipps.
Robert Cowan.
George Percivall.
Henry Lowther.
Thomas Rammell.
Arthur Upton.

To John Braddyll Esqr.
Chief &ca. ffactors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last Via Mangalore in answer to that part of yours, giving Account of Mr. Adams's Demurring either to Comply in paying the mony We have directed to be demanded off him or Executing the Bonds We have required on his refusing the same, which We have hopes will reach you, ere' Mr. Adams leaves Tellicherry.

We observe the price you note to us the French have Contracted for the Pepper they wanted, being according to the price of the Coins about Twelve Fanams ℔ Candy more than what we had Limited you to purchase at, untill you receive our last Letter; they however being Supply'd, We doubt not but from your prudent Management you will be able to procure the Quantity We have Directed even cheaper than Fifteen Venetians ℔ Candy by the time We shall be able to send for it.

We approve of the Additionall Article you have, since those sent us stipulated with the French regarding Curringhoda, which will be most Effectuall to keep him in Quietness.

The Success of our Prince against the Moors, is somewhat Extraordinary, those being humbled, or even Extirpated, We don't see will be of any ill Consequence to our Affairs, but rather the contrary & thrô the large Booty the former has obtain'd, We hope he will now be readily brought to discharge his Debt to our Honible Masters.

We have receiv'd ℔ the Gally the Twenty Candys of Cardamoms & approve of the manner they are packt up, which let be continued for the future, & if any more offers that are good at a reasonable price; faile not to Encrease the Quantity to what We have given directions for.

By Ship Hertford We Consign the Stores you have Indented for, with a Box of medicines as ℔ enclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading, amounting to Rupees Fourteen hundred fifty four, Two Quarters Seventy five Raes, 'though We can hardly think the medicines supply'd you by the Fame, & Rated at Two hundred Rupees so late as Novr. last, can be fairly Expended for you already to want more, wherein be carefull to Cause an Inspection, that they be not misused. The Box of the same Directed to Anjengo forwd. thither by such Conveynace as may offer, that you think Secure, & also by Express forwd. the enclosed Packet for that Settlement.

Take care to advise both to the Presidencys of Madrass & Bengall what Pepper you can learn is carry'd off this Coast for Account of English private Trade, whereon you cannot recover the Three Rupees additionall Duty, that they may recover the same. We are,

Bombay Castle
Aprill 19 1728.
Receiv'd the 27 Ditto
℔ Hertford.

Your Loving Friends
William Phipps.
Robert Cowan.
George Percivall.
Henry Lowther.
Thomas Rammell.
Arthur Upton.
Henry Kellett.

To the Worspll. John Braddyll Esqr.
Chief &ca. Councill of Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

At about Nine Yesterday morning We arrived at Burgorah, where one of Boyanores Rajadores told me he was at his Pallace of Janatu near the Pagoda Caw, two Leagues inland whither I sent our Braminee Cutti Pattaree to inform him I was come, & had Business of Importance with him: about three aClock the Braminee return'd saying that Boyanore was sorry he could not come to Burgorah, because of the Small Pox but should be glad to see me where he was I repaired thither directly, being desired to stay at a Moor house hard by (since he was then at the Pagoda) & he wo'd come to me there; but Night approaching he sent to desire I wo'd go to his Pallace of Janatu, & he wo'd be with me early in the morning, accordingly he came about Eight aClock, after I had deliver'd the Chief's Letter, and the usuall Compliments passed, he retired to see the Contents, saying he wo'd come again, but instead thereof, sent his Ministers to talk with the Linguist; did not think proper then to say any thing more to them, than that they knew the purport of our Letter, & hoped Boyanore would be induced to comply therewith, since (as they knew) the mony was lent to serve his extream Necessitys.

About ten a Clock Boyanore sent for the Linguist, telling him he was under many Obligations to pay the Company's mony, but assured him it was not in his power to do it before September next, when he sho'd not faile to discharge the whole, at which he told him my Orders were not to Stir without it, he reply'd I might stay or go, but before that time he wo'd not give me the mony.

As to Baddamala Pattaree his assuring your Worship &ca. that he would by the 15th. Aprill pay Twenty five thousand Fanams, and the remainder in all May, Boyanore affirms he gave him no such directions, and only sent him with his Compliment to the Chief.

At Eleven he return'd to the Pagoda Caw, & We do not expect to see him ere' your Answer comes; his Minister Pataree came to the Linguist offering him for our Charges, mony, I bid him not take it, to let him see I was Dissatisfied; please to advise whether to take it or no with your further Orders relating to this Uncouth Affair. I am,

Janatu
May the 18 1728.
Receiv'd Ditto.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient humble Servant
Hugh Howard.

To the Worspll. John Braddyll Esqr.
Chief &ca. Councill at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir & Sirs

Yours of this Date came to hand about five this Evening, I will take due care to comply with it's Contents in each particular.

This Morning our Braminee advis'd me that Boyanore was using all means possible to get the mony for me, & had sent four of his Rajadores to Collect the same, & if they failed in the Amount, would sell his Rice rather than faile us within the time Limited.

After the Receipt of yours, his Minister Pattaree came to me to know what answer I had receiv'd from Tellicherry, I told him you were much Dissatisfied at the reply he gave me, & order'd me to remain untill he paid the Companys Mony.

In his discourse with the Linguist, desired to know that if Boyanore paid half his Debt in Twelve or fifteen days, & the remainder in September, whether them measures wo'd content the Chief & Councill of Tellicherry I reply'd no, but was of Opinion, that if Boyanore paid me down half & gave it me from under his hand to pay the other some time before September, or then at furthest; I could prevaile with

them Gentlemen to Accept of them Terms, I desired he would acquaint Boyanore with the answer I receiv'd; & of them Conditions, & let me know to morrow his Result, & I wo'd write you accordingly. I am

JANATU PALLACE
MAY 19 1728.
Eleven at Night.
RECEIV'D THE 20.

WORSP^{LL}. SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient humble Servant
HUGH HOWARD.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}. JOHN BRADDYLL ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

THIS accompany's Boyanores Ola to the Chief, sent me just now, the purport of which is far wide of what he has proposed to me Yesterday, having good hopes of bringing him to much better terms, than I had wrote you saturday last.

Early this Morning he sent Cutti Pattaree, to tell me he was very sorry, I was at the trouble of staying here, & withall to let me see further how willing he was to discharge his Debt to the Honble Company, he proposed to give me some Pepper and in thirty days time to dispose of as much Rice, as wo'd together Clear his Account; and assured me that before that was Accomplish'd he wo'd not depart hence to his Pallace of Cutti Porta, although his Affairs called him thither.

I sent Cutti Pattaree back to tell him, that if he would give me Twenty five thousand Fanams in hand, & his NOTE for the rest in 30 days, sending Two of his Rajadores with me, I wo'd undertake to go to Tellicherry & prevaile with the Chief &c^{a}. to accept of them Terms, since better means he had not in his power to propose; The Braminee return'd with his Ola to the Chief, & the like Message to me.

I am verily of the opinion that when you write him a proper Answer to his Ola, Signifying your Resolution not to recall me, untill he did comply, or come to such Terms as you should in your Letter Notify to me that far better Conditions, than what he proposes now may be obtain'd, if not some mony down; for be assured I am a great Eye Sore to him, & rather than I should stay, he will seek all possible means to Content you; therefore please to Signify the utmost of your Result in the Affair, impowering me to obtain the best Terms I can, you may be assured of my due care & Diligence to procure the best that can be for our Honble Masters Interest. I am

JANATU PALACE
MAY THE 20 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 21ST.

WORSP^{LL}. SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient humble Servant
HUGH HOWARD.

TO JOHN BRADDYLL ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FFACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

This accompanys a Packet for the Honble President & Councill of Bombay, containing our Generall Advices of this Settlement which We desire you will please carefully to forward to them with all convenient Speed, & return the Pattamar to us.

The Balls Arrived here the 14th. past & the Decker the 18th. they sailed in Company the 21st. it being very fair Weather, this two, or three days it has Rain'd here with some hard Squals, at present all very Quiet, 'though the Poolas threaten to Molest the Kings who are present Conquerors, & We believe will continue so, if you have any News, please to let us partake; We wish you all Success in our Honble Masters Affairs, & are,

ANJENGO FORT
MAY THE 10TH. 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 24TH. D^{o}. ℔ PATTAMAR.

WORSP^{LL}. SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
HEZEKIAH KING.
CHA^{S}: WHITEHILL.
J. SALISBURY.
N^{S}. GOODWIN.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPLL. SIR & SIRS

WE Wrote you last under the 10th. Instant accompanying our Generall advice for Bombay, since which on the 22d. past, We were favour'd with yours, which brought us a Packet from the Honble President & Councill of Bombay, whereas We have given a full account of this Settlement so lately, and that this Pattamar cannot possibly return in time, to get to you in all this Month, so We should not be able to reach you time enough for your Conveyance, therefore return your Pattamar.

The Box of Medicines you have receiv'd for us ℔ the Hertford, We request your care of & that you will please to forward it to us by the first Opportunity after the Rains; We are

WORSPLL. SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
HEZEKIAH KING.
CHA: WHITEHILL.
J. SALISBURY.
NS: GOODWIN.

ANJENGO FORT
MAY THE 25TH. 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 15 JUNE ℔ PATTAMAR.

TO THE WORSPLL. JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE BRITTISH NATION
&CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPLL. SIR AND SIRS

The Shark Cruizer Arrived in our Road yesterday from Bombay with a Packet from the Honble President & Councill for your Worsp. &ca. but advised by the Master, they had met with bad Weather, & proving very Leaky, were Uncapable proceeding to your Port, desired our Assistance in getting them into our River, which We did this day as ℔ their Protest comes enclosed.

WE therefore now dispatch one of our Peons with the Packet, over Land and have wrote to Pondroon Naique at Mangalore to give what necessary assistance may be farther wanting for a safe Conveyance; Wishing it may meet with a safe Arrivall; We are with due Respect,

WORSPLL. SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
CHA: WYARD.
THO: PATTLE.

ONORE
MAY THE 9TH. 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 9TH. JULY ℔ PATTAMAR.

TO THE WORSPLL. JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.

WORSPLL. SIR

ON the 5th. of May I was order'd from Bombay with a Packet for your Worship in the Shark Gallevatt, but meeting with very bad Weather, & the Gallevat proving Leaky We do protest the Vessell was not fitting to proceed any further to the Southward, and with Consultation of all my people, thought it most proper to go for Onore, thinking that the most speediest Conveyance for the Company's Packet, & Security of the Vessell, & our Lives; where We are safely Arrived, waiting for further Orders from your Worship.

SIR
Your most humble & Obedient Servant[s]
JNO. WILLIAMS.
WILLIAM HAWKINS.
The Mark of ANTONIO VASTION *Gunner.*
NARAN, *Serang.*

ONORE
MAY THE 9TH. 1728.
RECEIV'D JULY 9 ℔ PATTAMAR.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

The Victoria Importing the 28th. past brought us your Advices from Penaney under the 2d. & from Tellicherry under the 4th. Ditto, What most Material in them is the Account given us of the Issue of Messrs. Adams Braddyll & Law, their proceeding to the Southward to meet the Samorine, with whom & his Ministers, We find Accounts are Settled, & his Debt to our Honble Masters Adjusted at Fanams Eight hundred Ninety three thousand Five hundred twenty nine, & Seven Tar, to be made good in Six Yearly payments, except for the Sum of ffanams Forty three thousand Four hundred & seven, three Tar, an old Debt carrying no Interest, that is to be Discounted out of our own Customs at Callicutt, the first whereof for Fanams One hundred Eighty two thousand, after many Assurances given you should be made good on the spot We observe was at last deferred to be discharg'd in all this Month at Callicutt, with the Interest thereon untill it be so, where We find it was thought Expedient to leave Mr. Adams with Mr. Law, in order to Expedite the payment thereof, We wish it may Succeed according as you give us to expect, & that the formers staying there was not with some other View, wherein should you again be disappointed, there can be no room to believe this Debt put on a better footing than it was before this adjustment was Effected, but will then leave us to take other Measures for recovery of it, & for this reason it is well you did not run into a greater Expence on this occasion than making the usual Presents on such like Visits, as the uncertain Views whereon the same seems yet to be Settled, bears no proportion to the disappointment in your detaining of the Victoria.

As to Puniture Rajah's, the Queen Mothers, & Ponnicarry's Debts We observe they remain as before, 'though from the promises made by the Two former to take shortly effectuall means for their Discharge, with the Samorine's likewise to interpose for it's being so, you say you are far from thinking them desperate, We shall be glad to find 'em not so, but cannot have any dependance on such promises that have been so often broken as those have been, if it be true what has been often wrote hither by Mr. Adams &ca. relating to these Debts; Ponnicary being at present in disgrace with the Samorine We take notice you believe his doubtfull, untill he is restored into Favour.

After what advised us in your Letter under the 14th. March that Mr. Adams refused to Comply with the Conditions We required of him ere' We could permit his going to Madrass, We are surprized, nothing concerning it is mention'd in the Advices We have now receiv'd by the Victoria, wherein We find however some reason to suspect, you have taken upon you to dispence with our Orders concerning him from the Notice taken by Mr. Braddyll on his return to Tellicherry, of the proper Restraint before laid on Mr. Adams his Effects immediately on his Arrivall taken off, & his Questioning after so abrupt a manner as he did, those Gentlemen left in Trust with the Settlement for observing the Orders left with them by Mr. Adams himself &ca. on their Departure to the Southward; & which indeed is the only part agreeable to what given from hence, which has been that as yet We know of, transacted by you relating to Mr. Adams: And being also told, that Mr. Adams his Family & Effects was hereupon, before the Victoria's departure, Embark'd on the Decker from Tellicherry Bound to Madrass, that Ship being design'd to call at Calicutt for to take on Board Mr. Adams.

Should it prove so that you have suffer'd Mr. Adams to depart in such manner without performing the Conditions you were required to see him Execute, & which orders were positive without any proviso's whereby you can plead the least Excuse for dispensing with any part of them, besides that if Mr. Adams did not return to Tellicherry after the Victoria's departure from thence; he cannot have made any regular delivery of our Honble Masters Settlement to his Successour, wherefore all Damages Accruing to them by Mr. Adams his irregular Departure, if he is so gone away, will Naturally Devolve on you to be answerable for, and more particularly on Mr. John Braddyll, without whose Consent no Majority among you, could take

place, but who the rather seems to have been Conniving to Mr. Adams his departure if he is gone, leaving him at Callicutt for the more conveniently Effecting his Remove without Opposition.

But to Retrieve for you what in us lies for this Gross Mistake, if you have been Guilty of Suffering Mr. Adams to be gone without complying with our Demands on him; We dispatch this Express by the Shark Gallevat though too late in the Season, but on a very extraordinary occasion as this is to risque so far as your Settlement, with these our further Orders, requiring you that if Mr. Adams be gone away in the manner We suspect as before mention'd, that you do so soon as you can prepare your Advices ready, dispatch away Express to Madrass, acquainting the President & Councill there of such your mistake sending them the account of our Demands on Mr. Adams for Account of our Honble Masters & the Bonds of Penalty, desiring them that in Case he refuses to pay the one, they will Cause him to Execute the other; and our request to them for the same purpose We send enclosed under a flying Seal for your perusal; & Duplicated to be forwarded by Two Conveyances, you observing to send Duplicates also of your advices, & the papers necessary to be Enclosed in them.

As it will be too late to return this Gallevat, ere' the Rainy Season is over; Detain her with you, laying her up securely, that She may not suffer Damage, & so soon as the Season will permit, dispatch her to us with what advices you have to give us. We are,

Your Loving Friends
William Phipps.
Robert Cowan.
Geo: Percivall.
Henry Lowther.
Thomas Rammell.
Arthur Upton.

Bombay Castle
May 4 1728.
Receiv'd July 9 *Via* Onore, ℔ Pattamar.

To the Worspll. John Braddyll Esqr.
Chief &ca. ffactors at Tellicherry.

Worspll. Sir and Sirs

Your Worsp. &ca. Dated the 8th. Inst. We receiv'd the 22d. with the accompanying packets, which as your Worsp. &ca. advise are of great Importance to our Honble Masters Affairs at your settlement. We have used our utmost Diligence forwarding their dispatch, which We did last night by such persons as have been sent on like occasions before, which hope their arrivall at Bombay may be the sooner to Generall Satisfaction.

The foregoing is Duplicate of our Advices to your Worsp. &ca. May 9th. & not find the same to be Arrived on your Worsp. &ca. dispatch now to us, gives us much Concern; We therefore now return your Braminee with all Expedition to advise further thereof, least any miscarriages may have hapned, that what your Worsp. &ca. may judge most proper on such Accident (which We pray God forbid) We may be advis'd thereof. We are,

Worspll. Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Charles Wyard.
Thomas Pattle.

Onore
June the 24. 1728.
Receiv'd July 16 Do. ℔ Pattamar.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPLL. SIR AND SIRS

Your Worship's &ca. favour under the 18th. Ulto. We receiv'd the 8th. Instant in the Evening with the Accompanying Packet for Bombay, which We have taken all possible care in forwarding over Land this day by Two of the best people We could get on such occasion.

WE are heartily sorry to observe that the Packet mention'd in the foregoing Triplicate & Duplicate, was not Arrived on your last dispatch, & greatly Encreases our fears, it is miscarried, which We have advis'd the Honble President, and Councill thereof.

The Shark Cruizer being under your Worships &ca. Directions; We beg your Worship &ca. will please to send us the necessary advices as soon as possible, which shall be duly observ'd, We having no Orders from Bombay about her; With much Respect We are

WORSPLL. SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants
CHARLES WYARD.
THOMAS PATTLE.

ONORE
JULY THE 10 1728.
RECEIV'D THE 26 ℔ PATTAMAR.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH NATION ON THE MALLABAR COAST &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Pattamarr from Onore arriving us Yesterday with Letters from along the Coast, We are Surprized not to find among them any Generall Advices from your Settlement, & but only a Pacquet with private Letters from thence directed to our Secretary, which we suppose therefore may be along with the Pattamarr We hear is yet behind in his way hither.

But understanding from private Advices that our Pacquet to you under date the 4th. May was not reached you the 8th. June, which We dispatcht express by the Shark Gallvett with our orders Concerning Mr. Adams on our Surmise from your former advices that you had suffer'd him to leave the Settlement without performing the Conditions we required from him & you, more particularly Mr. John Braddyll, to see executed, which Gallvett we are inform'd thrô bad weather put into Onore, from whence our Pacquet by her was forwarded to you the 10th. May & have therefore reason to fear the same may have miscarried, the which, & being now acquainted for a Certainty that Mr. Adams is gott to Madras, & left your Settlement without performing the said Conditions, it does Induce us thô at the wrong season of the year to make a Second attempt with the Dolphin Cruizer whom We now Dispatch Express with Duplicate of our said Orders sent ℔ Shark, that if possible your advices along with ours to Madras may Arrive there so timely as to Retrieve for this false step, that you have in direct opposition to our Orders been guilty of, and which besides other inconveniencys puts us on thus risquing the Companys Vessells with the Crew belonging to them, that on any Accident attending it you must expect to be answerable for.

As Mr. John Braddyll was the Person that more immediatly was charged with the Execution of our Orders relating to Mr. Adams, the Fault in non observance of them must we think Chiefly lye at his door, but untill we hear what yourselves have to say in Justification of any one of you for so Monstrous a Neglect & breach of orders, We suspend for the present to Censure it as it deserves.

As the troubles about Anjengo give us but an ill prospect of being Supplyed with any Large quantity of Pepper from thence the Ensuing Season, we renew our Instances for your providing so farr as Eight Hundred or a thousand Candy as cheap as you can to be ready in all November.

As soon as the Weather will permit return the Dolphin with what advices you have to give us and such as may reach you from Anjengo, giving the Comandr. orders to touch in his way at Onore there to Joyn the Shark to proceed with her hither in Company, and do you send express overland to Onore, ordering the said Shark to be in a readyness against the Dolphin may arrive there. We are

Your Loving Friends
WILLM. PHIPPS.
ROBT. COWAN
GEO: PERCIVALL.
HENRY LOWTHER.
THOS. RAMMELL.
ARTHUR UPTON

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 31ST. JULY 1728.
℔ DOLPHIN CRUIZER AUGT. 8TH. 1728.

Permit Mr. Forbes to take his passage hither upon such Conveyance as he shall think Convenient.

PHIPPS.
R. COWAN.
GEO: PERCIVALL.
HENRY. LOWTHER.
THOS. RAMMELL.
ARTHUR UPTON.

To MR. JOHN BRADDYLL
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

Yours of the 9th. July last with its Duplicate came safe to hand with the inclosed from the President & Councill of Bombay agreeable to whose request We have gott the Bond you sent executed by Mr. Adams.

Inclosed is an answer to their Letter which you will please to forward with all Expedition. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Very Humble Servants
JAS. MACRAE.
G. M. PITT.
ROBT. SYMONDS.
J. ROACH.
RANDALL FOWKE.
SLL. HYDE.
AUG. BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.

FORT ST. GEORGE
6TH. SEPTR. 1728.
℔ PATTAMARR 29TH. Do.

To JOHN BRADDYLL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Paras. 1 After the Dispatch of the Dolphin Cruizer to your Settlement with our Letter of the 31st. July we received the 19th. of last Month yours of the 8th. June & its

Duplicate the 23d. of said month by Pattamarrs, to which we shall now reply & give you such further Advices & directions as We Judge Necessary under the usuall Generall Heads, And

FIRST OF SHIPPING

We observe the Arrivall & Departure of the Severall Ships & Vessells mentioned in your Letter, Do you Continue to give us the like advices by all Opportunitys, We approve of your giving a Pass to the Commandr. of the Mary Briggantine, which he forgot to take here thô his Owners had provided one & paid the Usuall Tonnage, you are therefore to pay the Forty Rupees you received from the Master to their Order when they desire it. 2

Our Hoñoble Masters Ship Ockham Capt. William Jobson Comandr. from Great Brittain Imported the 28th. Ulto. being five Months & Odd days in her Passage, We now Dispatch her down the Coast to bring up the Pepper provided at Anjengo & your Settlement, you are therefore to make ready the thousand Candys you had Orders for purchasing & ship it without Loss of Time when she returns to you from Anjengo taking particular Care it be clean & well Garbled & that our Hoñoble Masters have Justice done them in the Weight. 3

The Bombay Galley from Mocha Imported the same day with the Ockham, & the Duke of Cumberland from thence the 2d. Instant, She left there the Prince Frederick from England, who the 13th. of Augt. had not above Eight hundred Bales of Coffie on Board One thousand Five Hundred Bales the Remainder of her Loading being stopt on the Road from Beetlefuckee by the Imaums Troops, a Party of whom had likewise Besiedg'd Mocha which is but poorly Garrison'd & Commanded by Suddy Ismail son to another Pretender to the Kingdom. The Prince Frederick was to stay 'till the 20th. in hopes of Compleating her Loading, but we are apprehensive of her loosing her Passage down the Gulph so late in the Season. 4

The Duke of Cumberland we shall Dispatch for England by the End of this Month, & we hope before she departs to receive from you the Usuall Papers Annually required to be sent home, at least an abstract of your Charges Generall &ca. Account of Stores Remaining at the Close of your last Books. 5

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE & BOMBAY

By this Ship We send you Three Chests of Treasure with the Cloth & Perpets you desir'd for Cloathing your Garrison as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclos'd amounting to Rupees Forty One thousand Seven Hundred Eleven & Eight raes. 6

Take Care our Hoñoble Masters be no loosers by delivering out the Cloth to the Soldiers, We expect that the Officers, shall be answerable for the Same, but that they Charge the Soldiers no more than what the Cloths really Costs them & Ten ℔ Cent advance thereon besides the Charges of making which we think perquisite Sufficient. 7

We are glad you were so happily supply'd before the Rains with a Sufficient Quantity of Rice from Mangallore for the relief of your Inhabitants at a time when all manner of Grain was so Scarce in your Neighbourhood, & We doubt not your taking Care that the Hoñoble Company are no Sufferers by making that Charitable provission when at the same time they pay Interest for money to answer their own Occasions. 8

Since you say you are Sufficiently Supply'd with Fifths of Rupees, We send you none of that specie, We are pleas'd however to find they are become Currant & that the Country people preferr them to Gold fanams, but We now send you for a Tryall some of our new Double Copper Pice to prevent the Grievance you say your Soldiers Complain of by so Considerable a Loss in the Exchange as three 9

in Sixteen Tarrs the true Vallue of a Fanam, & are Coining some Single ones to send you by the next Conveyance if by your advices We find they will be Acceptable with you.

10 Our Hoñoble Masters have sent us no Iron this year, & if they had the Price you say Fifty Candy might sell for at your Settlement is farr less than that Comodity is now worth at Surat We are sorry there is so little Prospect of Vending any Quantity of Wollen Goods with you, which is what We always Apprehended having received a Large Quantity of Lead by the Ockham We send you Five Candy thereof for a Tryall how that Commodity can be Disposed of, The price at Surat is Eight rupees ℔ Pucca maund.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS

11 We observe you had Purchased before the Rains Five hundred Candys of Pepper at Sixty one Rupees the Candy, that Three hundred and Eighty Candys of it were Come in and the remainder expected the first fair Weather, it was prudently done to Secure a part of what was order'd so Early to prevent any Disappointment, and to give you the more time to provide leisurely the remaining Five Hundred Candy which from the great plenty of Rain fallen & Prospect of a good Crop We hope will come within Sixty Rupees the Candy which will in some measure Compensate for the dearness of the other which with Interest of money & other Charges we cannot Esteem very Cheap, the money now sent you, and the amount of the Samorines first Ola for Two Hundred thousand fanams which we cannot doubt but you have 'ere now receed, will enable you to pay off what money you have taken up at Interest & to go on Purchasing Pepper after the forementioned Thousand Candys are Compleated, which we hope you'll be able to do Cheaper than of late years has been done at your Settlement, since you have time Sufficient and cannot apprehend any Impediment from your French Neighbours as formerly.

12 We earnestly recommend to you the Providing as Early in January as Possible Forty Candys or Ten Tons of Cardamums of the best sort, and We approve of your Method of Packing them in Neat Teak Chests well jointed and Close to preserve them from the Air, let them be ready to be Shipt on the Ockham whom We propose to Dispatch hence for England the beginning of January and will touch at your Port to take them on Board.

FOURTHLY OF TRADE IN GENERALL & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WTH. THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS.

13 WE approve of the Articles agreed upon with the French as they are now explain'd & Glad to find they have since behav'd themselves towards you Suitable to their Engagements, which good Correspondence We hope will tend to the Mutuall advantage of both Nations, & therefore We recommend to You the preserving & Improving of the same as much as possible, but to avoid all Occasions of Unnecessary & Expensive Vissits.

14 We could not doubt of the French readily Consenting that this agreement should Subsist here in India, Notwithstanding a Warr should break out between our Respective Sovereigns in Europe, as we always understood the proposall came first from them.

15 We observe that Depending upon our Alliance they have thought proper to Demolish their Fort of Caria Cunha and sent away Eighty of their Garrison Soldiers, with their Chief Engineer, We hope for the same reason you will be able soon to reduce the number of your Garrison, as We are pleas'd to see M^{r}. Braddyll has already Curtail'd some Superfluous Branches of your other Expences, than which, nothing will be more Acceptable to our Hoñoble Masters.

16 As to Curringhoda We have already hinted to you that We had rather give him the Lands assign'd to us by the late Treaty, if by so doing We could purchase his Friendship & Establish Peace in the Country as We believe the produce of

them will be, no ways Equivalent to the Expence we should be put to should he attempt the regaining them by force, however unsuccessfull he might be in the End, but We agree with you the Proposall of a Treaty on this Subject had better come from him which we think he would Quickly make you had he any hopes given him of Succeeding since the French come so farr short in granting him the Succours they promis'd that they have even cutt him off three fourths of the Rice they formerly gave him for his subsistance.

By our Vessells Arriv'd from Mocho We have Certain Advice that Ally Rajah Dyed at Juddah & his Ships & Effects are seiz'd on by that Government on pretence of some promise he made of a Considerable Present to Mahomet's Tomb, this We apprehend will Occasion the Warrs Commenc'd by the Prince Cunhy Homa against Ally Rajah's Family to be carry'd on with more Vigour & the Moors Dishearten'd by the Death of their Chief Patron, it will behove you therefore to Act with the greater Circumspection and maintain if possible an Exact Neutrality between the Contending Partys that you may the more plausibly Interpose your Mediation for a Pacification when the same is Desired as We are apt to think it must now be on the Part of Ally Rajah's Heirs, with more pressing Instances than before. 17

For the reason you give we would by no means have the Moors so depress'd as that the Nairs should remain Intire Masters of the Country (thô we have hitherto found them our back Friends as well at your Settlement as Anjengo) therefore after a Compitent Sattisfaction is made to our Prince for Invading his Country, We would have you to Interpose your good Offices in Endeavouring to Persuade him to Accept of the same & Mediate a Peace betwixt him and the Heir of Ally Rajah who ought not to Suffer for the Sins of his Father. 18

And this friendly Proposall we hope the Prince Cunhi Homa will the more readily listen to, because you say he has made Two unsuccessfull Attacks on Cannanore & been oblig'd to retire with Loss, & because the [King of] Cotata to whose Assistance he Chiefly owed his former Success is [now] Quarrilling with him about the Divission of Durmapatam Island threatning to withdraw his Forces if he is not Immediately Grati[fied]. 19

You must by all means Endeavour to prevent the said [King] having any part of that Island, or being suffer'd to Fortify [thereon] since from such a Scituation he may have it in his power to [stop] the Navigation of our River, & give us further trouble Whereas if [it] remains in Possession of the Prince or the Moors we shall [also] have it in our power to keep them Quiet. 20

But as We can hope for no Advantage to our Hoñoble Masters Affairs such Commotions in the Country & the Seat of Warr so near their Settlement, We shall be glad to find that thrô your Mediation a Generall Peace is Concluded, in which you must take Care of the Hoñoble Companys Interest, to have their Gr[ants] and Priviledges Ascertain'd, Acknowledg'd & Confirm'd by all Partys & our Chitty at Agarr Protected, or any other of the Com[panys] Servants that we shall at any time think Proper to send thither, [or] any other part of the Country or Territorys of the Contracting Partys about the Company's Affairs, & be mindfull particular[ly to] renew your Demands on Ally Rajah's Heirs for the Debt [due] from that Family. 21

We are sorry to find after the hopes given us that [the] Samorine would pay you One Hundred Eighty two thousand Fanams in all the Month of May, only Forty thousand has [been] paid you to the Date of your last Advices, if he proves thus in discharging his first Ola, what Dependance can We have his Punctuallity in Paying at the Limitted Time the rema[inder] of his Debt which at this rate instead of being put in a Meth[od of] being dicharg'd, as has been represented will be still encrea[sing] more & more. 22

It has likewise been Insinuated that the late adjus[tment] would prove more Advantageous to the Hoñble Company if the Orders from hence had been Executed, because the Pr[esents] to the Samorines Ministers bears no Proportion to 23

what had permitted of, but We have too much reason to Apprehend that at last after so much time lost, We shall be Obliged to Gratifie those Ministers before the Debt is discharged we shall be glad to find our selves mistaken and that by your Diligence & prudent Managment they are without such Gratifications brought to a Punctuall Comply[a]. with their Engagements.

24 Thô Boyanore fail'd in paying you according to his Promise Twenty five thousand fanams by the middle of Aprill, yet we find by your last Advices the greatest part of that Sum had been received and that you had no doubt of the remainder's being paid soon after.

25 We dont well Comprehend what you mean by saying Mr. Howard was sent to Burgorah in the Manner of an Arrest & that it had the good Effect to recover Fanams Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen & Twelve Vis, We Suppose he went thither as a Diligent Dunn to reproach Boyanore with the Breach of promise & Freshen his Memory, Do you Continue this Method or any other you Judge more Effectuall for calling in all outstanding Debts recommended to your Care.

26 We shall entertain a Very Indifferent Opinion of those due from the King of Puniture & Qûeen Mother as well as Ponnycarrie's if the former dont Propose some other Method of discharging them than thrô the Samorine, who you find is more Indebted himself than he Seems able to Pay.

27 Notwithstanding the Considerable Advantages the Prince Cunhi Homa has had over his Enemys, & the Large Booty fallen to his Share, We dont find he has lessen'd his Debt more than by the Amount of Tellicherry Customs, but Pleads the Vast Expence he is at in Maintaining his Arms desiring you would not [...] him 'till that Expence Ceases, which cannot, before the said Army is Disbanded, this is another Consideration which makes us wish an Accomodation of all Differences among the Princes in your Neighbourhood, that thereby they might be Enabled to pay their Debts & encourage Trade in their Territorys.

Fifthly of Fortifications Buildings & Revenues

28 The reasons you give for continuing some time longer the Fortification on the Hill that Commands the mouth of Codolee [river] and likewise that of Putinha 'till the Country is Settled and an accomodation is made with Curringhoda are Plausable & theref[ore] We approve of them, but we shall be glad to know how soon th[ey] can be with Safety relinquish'd, that some retrenchment may [be] made in the Exorbitant Expence your Settlement has for a long time groan'd under.

29 We perceive you have Compleatly repair'd your Limitt [...] Bastion, that had received some Damage from the Violence [of] the Rains on the new works not being Settled, & that the only expence you apprehend will for some time Necessary is the Repai[rs] the Roof of your House, for which purpose we send you by [first] Conveyance the Two Carpenters that were there formerly [with] whose assistance we doubt not your being able to prevent [any] further Decay & Effectually Secure it for the Future, & as a[ll] Materialls Necessary thereunto are to be had Very reasonable We hope your Frugality will appear in the Charges so as to meritt our Commendation the Pay of the Carpenters you are [to] Charge your Settlement with under its proper Head.

30 We agree to the Continuance of Narrangport Nair at Fi[ve] Hundred Fanams ℔ Month since you Apprehend the withdrawing that allowance from him might Occasion a great Expence to Guard against him & your other troublesome Neighbours, whom at present he Secures you from.

31 We Expect you'l reduce your Stable Charges to the limi[ted] sum which you say now exceeds it thrô the Dearness of all sort[s] of Grain & not any Addition to the number of your Horses, wh[ich] we hope you'l never suffer to be more than are absolutely Necessary.

32 The person you have Entertain'd as an Overseer of the Coolery at Forty Fanams ℔ Mensem you must take particular Care he renders himself deserving of so Consid[erable] an Allowance by his Diligence in Improving the Fishery and as you represent your Mallabarr Serwan as a person You cannot be without, We permitt you to add to his present Sallary what you think reasonable thô we believe Thirty five fanams ℔ month is more than he can Earn in any other Service in India.

33 We take notice of the Mistake formerly made in advising hither the Rent of the Verges & Batty Grounds near Moylan and Putinha to be for Fanams Two thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five ℔ Annũ which ought to be Twenty Six Thousand Dungoys of Batty or one thousand Mangallore Robins, that the Farmers being call'd upon in Aprill pleaded their Incapacity of Complyg. with their Contract, thrô the said Grounds lying waste a Considerable time & their Ditches broke down in the late Warrs which put them to a great Expence in repairing that therefore they could not pay more, that one half of the rent agreed for nor even that before October next.

34 That they had paid within the year Five thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dungoys of Batty which sold at seven dungoys for a Fanam produced fanams Eight Hundred Twenty One three Vis besides Two Hundred Seventy four Eight Vis for rent of sundry Trees, to all which we say we must leave it to your prudent Management to Improve the said Grounds to the Advantage of our Hoñoble Masters, but We cannot help remarking that the present Prospect comes Very farr short of what they were given to Expect, when the Proffit of those grounds was Assign'd as one of the many reasons for building the Expensive Fort of Moylan, which has render'd ever Since Curringhoda our Implacable Enemy.

Sixthly of Covenant Servants the Military and their Accounts.

35 We find we had but too much reason to Suspect Mr. Adams had withdrawn himself from Callicutt without Performing the Conditions requir'd of him from hence, since he is gone without making a regular Delivery of the Company's Settlement to his Successor, and We are sorry you cannot Assign a better reason for such his unprecedented Conduct [than] that of restraining his Effects from being Embark'd when the Chief was absent 'tis but too Plain his Clandestine Departure was Projected by him before he left Tellicherry to go & Vissit the Samorine & should he Embark for England before our Advices reach Madras We fear our Hoñoble Masters will deem you, more particularly the Chief answerable for what they may Suffer on that Account, Since in their Letter now received ℔ Ship Ockham they have repeated in more Preremptory Terms than ever, their Commands for Obtaining Sattisfaction from Mr. Adams for the Large Debts Contracted during his Chiefship without Sufficient Authority from his Superiors.

36 The Chief having Declin'd to Act as an Executor to the Will of Mr. John Johnson, who you say Departed this Life the 24th. of Aprill, We find Mr. Law the other Executor had proceeded to Execution, to which We answer, We Conceive an Executor is Entitled to take Charge of the Deceds Effects, but not to make any Disposall or Distribution of the Same untill the Will is Legally Prov'd, which ought to be done as soon as Possible.

37 Our Hoñoble Masters being much Concern'd to hear the Mischievous & Scandalous Vice of Gaming Encreases at their Severall Settlements in the East Indies, have been pleas'd by their last Arriv'd Ship to send out Strict Orders prohibiting the same under Penalty of Dismission from their Service and being sent to England, Whereupon we have Issued out a Proclamation in Conformity whereof you have a Copy Enclos'd which do you cause upon receipt hereof to be publish'd by Beat of Drum & afterwards fix'd up in the most Vissible & frequented Part of your Factory to remain there that no One hereafter pretend Ignorance.

38 Herewith we send you Copy of the 60th. Parragraph of our Hoñoble Masters Letter to this Presidency by the Ockham, with Copy of Captain Sleddall's Petition to them, & the List of Debts which he says are due to him from Mr. Adams also a Book Containing Severall Accounts the said Sleddall had with Mr. Adams, Do you enquire Particularly into this Affair, and if you find Mr. Adams has done him the Injustice he Alledges, Cause Sattisfaction to be made out of his Effects, if any in his Attorney's Hands, & let us be advis'd of all you know relating to this matter, that We may write the same Home to the Hoñoble Company.

39 The good Character You give us of Ensign Mendonca Induces us to permitt of your Entering his son on the Military list at Thirty three fanams ℔ month, which Indulgence we hope he will in due time approve himself worthy of.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

40 The Price Currant you have sent us is not Sign'd nor Drawn out in the Manner Directed by our Hoñoble Masters which should be in Words at Length as well as Figures which you are to do in Conformity for the Time to come.

41 We have received the Account of what Collected for the Duty of three Rupees ℔ Candy on Pepper Exported from Tellicherry on which we remark, Nothing appears to have been received before Mr. Braddyll's Arrivall thô we Cant Suppose but Considerable Quantitys have been before that Purchased by private Traders, the said Duty being Demanded of Capt. James Forbes lately Deceased for Ten Candys he Landed at Surat, he has pass'd his Certificate which goes here Enclosed, that the said Ten Candys were bought of Mr. Law who by agreement was to pay all Dutys, & this was never Demanded of him at Tellicherry We therefore Direct that Mr. Law pay the same into your Cash and to avoid all Pretences of that kind for the Future, We lay it down as a Standing Order, that it be always Collected before Exported and not left to the Choise of the Buyer to pay it at the place of its landing. This will prevent all Clandestine Purchases, & the Revenue arising from the said Duty will appear on the Books of this Presidency, but not if Collected at Madrass or Bengall, you did well to oblige Capt. Shotbolt to pay it Notwithstanding his Insinuations to the Chief that he should be reimburs'd the the [*sic*] same Sum at Bengall let not the like have any Influence with you at any time.

42 As little ought you to regard what the Princes Ministers told you that the Collecting of the said Duty in his Country gave great Disgust as they Apprehend it hinderd the Trade of that Port & Consequently Diminish'd his Revenues, this Insinuation is as ill Grounded as that of the Country Shipping going to Cochin to purchase their Pepper meerly on Account of said Duty for 'tis well known that all who Trade under our Company's Protection are Equally lyab[le] to pay that Duty on what they Purchase at Cochin or any other of the Neighbouring Ports, as if they bought it at any of the Company's Settlements nor do we think it difficult for you by a due Application to Obtain an Exact Account of all Purchases made by English Traders at Cochin or any of the other Ports to Transmitt it us hither.

43 You must send us by the first Opportunity your Books of Accounts, By the List of Books & Papers sent hither it does not appear there is any Letter Book Inwards or Outwards or Letters Bundled up for the first Eight or Nine Years of Mr. Adam's Chiefship, we should be glad to know the reason of it.

44 Your Settlement shall be Credited for Fanams Ninety six, Twelve Vis, for Necessarys Supply'd the Victoria formerly Omitted to be advised hither.

45 Since writing the foregoing we have received yours under the 13th. July sent Via Onore by Shirk [*sic*] Cruizer who Imported the 18th. Instant, which requires no further answer than what We have already wrote you, only We cannot help remarking on Mr. Braddyll's assertion that he question'd not the Gentlemen left in trust for their Conduct, when it plainly appears by the Record you all joyntly with him sent us thereof that he did so & after such a Sensible Manner as Imediately taking off the Restraint they had laid on Mr. Adam's Effects, which in the Civill

Way it was done will by no means bear the hard Term Mr. Braddyll gives of Rifling them, nor do We find by those your said Advices, that there was any restraint even on the Persons of Mr. Adams's Family as by the Consequence it Seems Necessary there should have been. We are

Your Loving Friends

WILLM. PHIPPS.
ROBT. COWAN.
GEO: PERCIVALL.
HENRY LOWTHER.
THOS. RAMMELL.
ARTHUR UPTON.
HENRY KELLETT.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 20TH. SEPTEMR. 1728.

P.S. We send you a small box of Medicines your Surgeon wrote Dr. Crafford he was in want of & a Bundle of Stationary Ware.

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